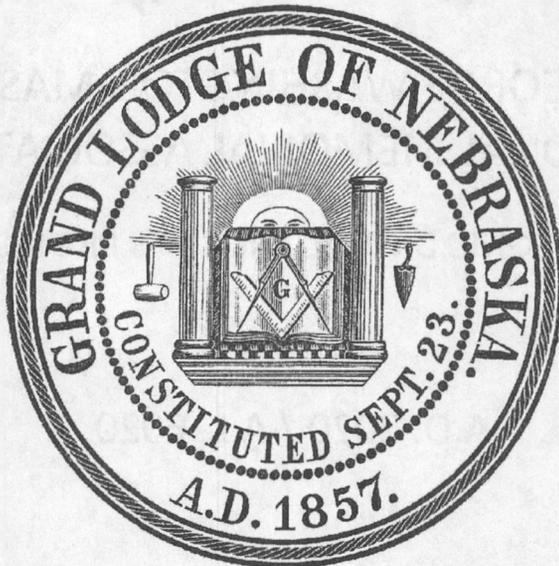


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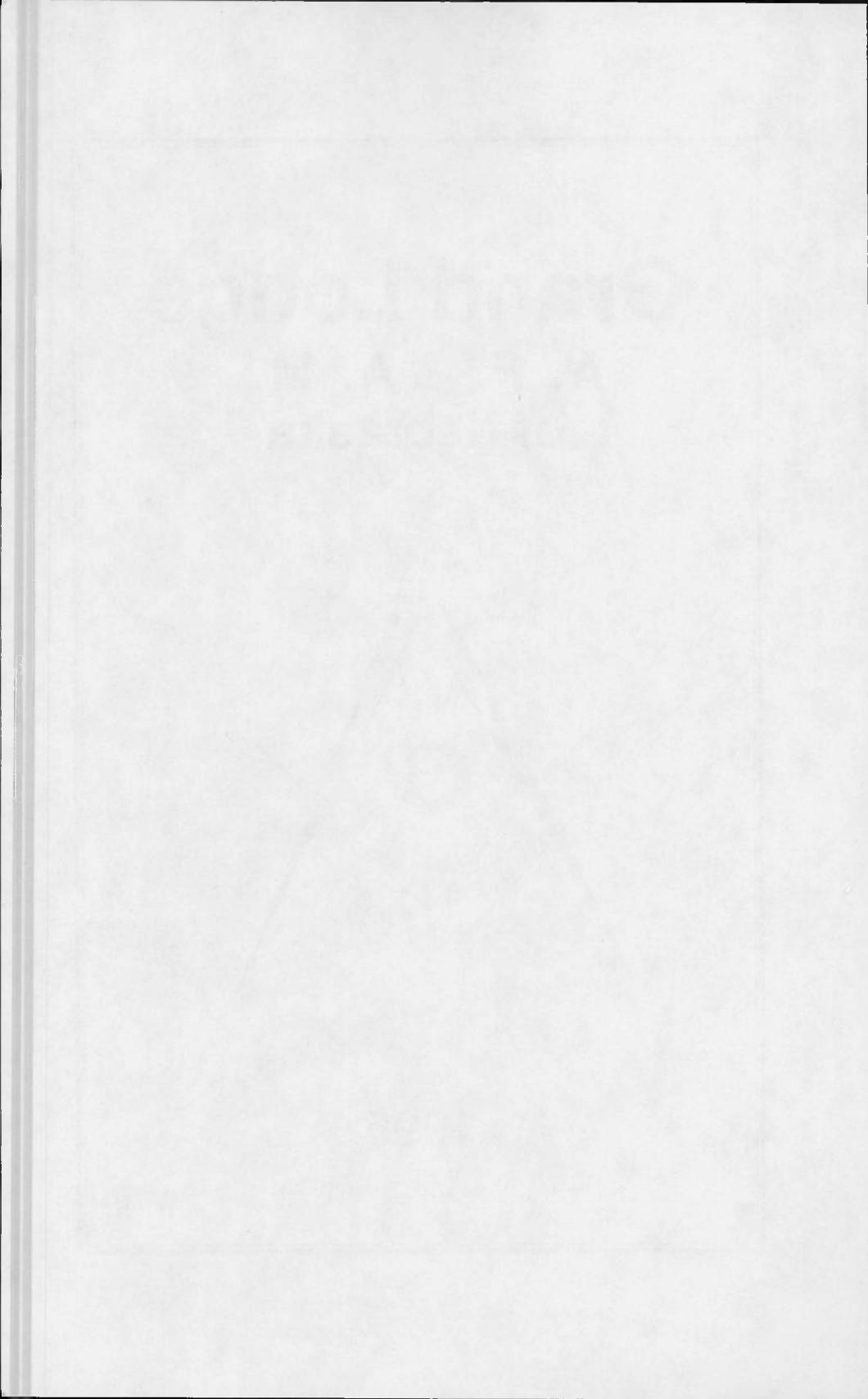


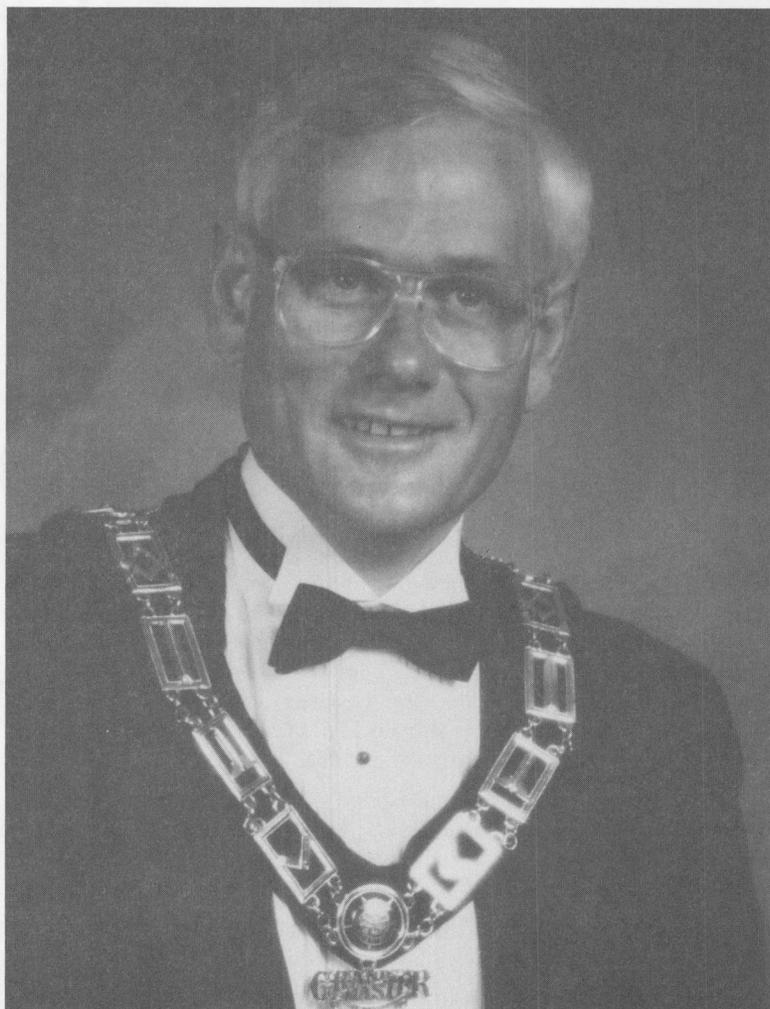
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Steven F. Mattoon
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
1994-1995

Masonic History of the 128th Grand Master

Steven F. Mattoon

Ancient Craft Masonry — Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on March 13, 1973; passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on August 14, 1973; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on January 8, 1974, all in Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, Nebraska. Served as Master of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, Nebraska, in 1984.

Grand Lodge — Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1989 by M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February, 1990 by M.:W.: John M. McHenry. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: James N. DeMoss in February, 1991. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: James L. Eatmon in February, 1992. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in February, 1993 under M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman. Installed as the 128th Grand Master of Masons on February 13, 1994.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina — Previously served on Committee on Masonic Relief, Public Relations, and Grand Lodge Office Committee. Served as Chairman of the Committee on Codification of the Law from 1990 - 1993.

York Rite Masonry — A member of Hastings Chapter No. 21; Hastings Council No. 8 and Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11 all in Hastings, Nebraska.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite — Received the 4th through 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Alliance, Orient of Nebraska in 1989.

Shrine — Member Tehama Temple of Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Hastings, Nebraska. Member of Lodgepole Valley Shrine Club in Sidney, Nebraska.

Order of Eastern Star — Member of Providence Chapter No. 108 in Sidney, Nebraska.

DeMolay — Senior DeMolay in Sidney Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Served as Master Councilor of Sidney Chapter, Order of DeMolay, 1969. Served as State Junior Steward, Nebraska State Chapter, Order of DeMolay, 1969 – 1970. Recipient of Representative DeMolay Award, 1968. Received Chevalier Degree, 1970.

Other Masonic Bodies — Member of Board of Directors, Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Father of two currently active Job's Daughters, members of Sidney Bethel No. 25.



Jerry L. Rittenburg

**Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
1995-1996**

Masonic History of the 129th Grand Master

Jerry L. Rittenburg

Ancient Craft Masonry — Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on January 9, 1958; passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on February 13, 1958; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on March 20, 1958, all in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Nebraska. Served as Master of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1967; served the lodge as Chaplain several years. He has also served on the lodge's Board of Trustees for two terms.

Grand Lodge — Appointed Deputy Grand Custodian in 1984, and served as Grand Custodian from 1985 - 1990. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1990 by M.:W.: John M. McHenry. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: James L. Eatmon in February, 1992. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman in February 1993. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in February 1994 under M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon. Installed as the 129th Grand Master of Masons on February 5, 1995.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Missouri — Previously served on Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, Finance and Nebraska Work.

York Rite — Made a Royal Arch Mason in Capstone Chapter, at Lincoln, Nebraska on February 16, 1985. Made a Royal and Select Master in Lincoln Council No. 4, at Lincoln, Nebraska on October 14, 1992. Dubbed a Knight Templar in Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, at Lincoln, Nebraska on November 17, 1992. Became a member of the Coeur De Lion Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1994.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite — Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Lincoln, Orient of Nebraska in 1960. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in December 1987.

Shrine — Member since 1963 of Sesostri's Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Lincoln, Nebraska. Active in the Hillbilly Club, the Ritualistic Divan and was involved in starting the Proficient Past Masters Shrine Club.

Order of Eastern Star — Member of Lincoln Chapter No. 148 in Lincoln, Nebraska since 1960. Served as Worthy Patron in 1980 and 1986.

DeMolay — Senior DeMolay in Lincoln Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Rainbow — Awarded the Grand Cross of Color by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1994.

Other Masonic Bodies — Appointed Trustee of the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1990. Member of the Board of Directors, Nebraska Masonic Foundation and the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. Member of National Sojourners.



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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

I t is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty-Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 4th and 5th, 1995, and printed under my direction.

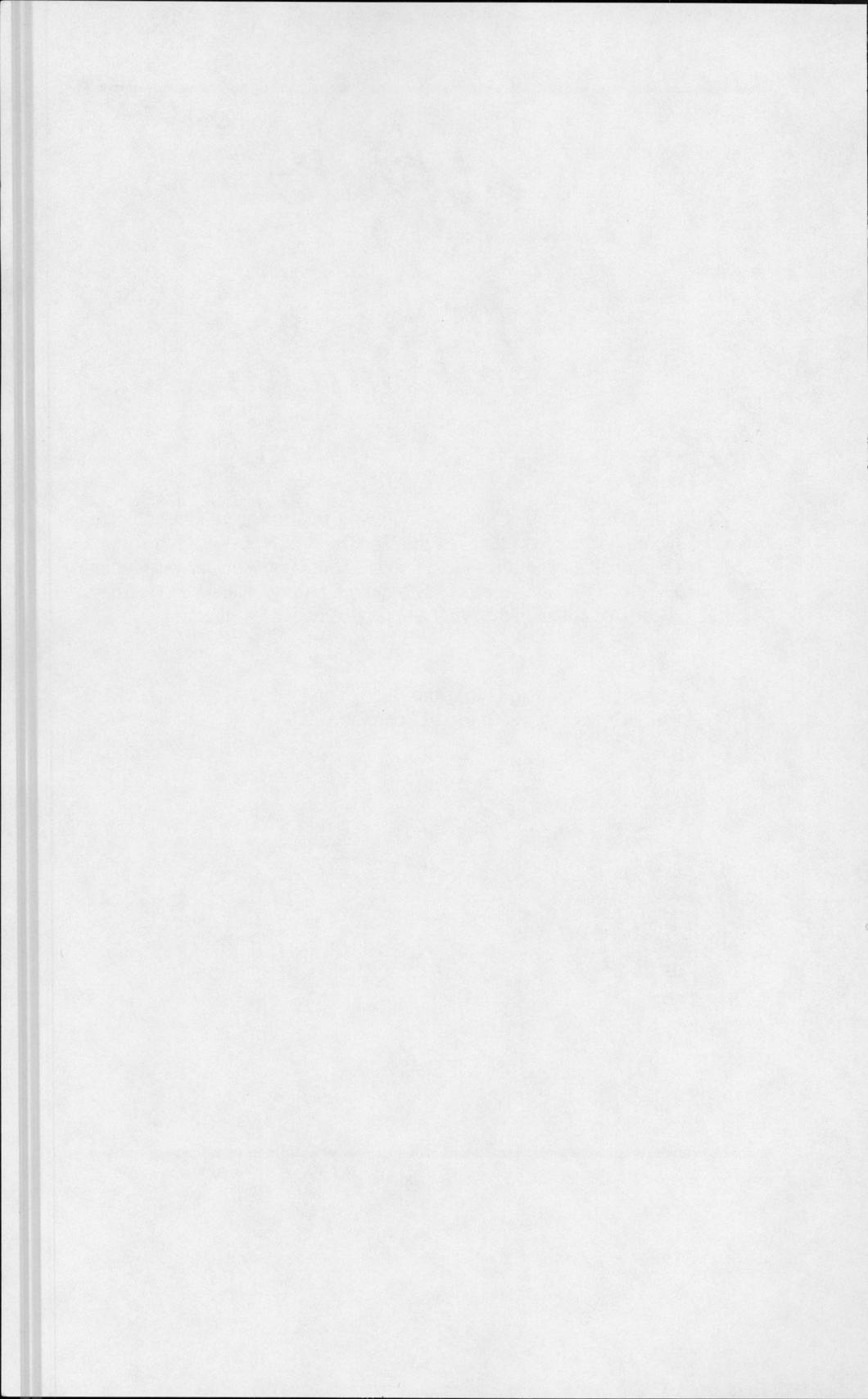
W itness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 29th day of September 1995.



Reginald S. Kuhn

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reginald S. Kuhn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

GRAND SECRETARY
PRO-TEM



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February 3rd & 4th, 1995

Most Worshipful Steven F. Mattoon
Grand Master

First Day — Opening Session
Friday, February 3, 1995

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 3, 1995.

R.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by National Sojourners; Major Charles A. Folsom and Gerald Verbeek, the M.:W.: Grand Master, Steven F. Mattoon, and his Lady, Cathy, were presented and given Grand Honors.

First of the dignitaries to be presented to the Grand Master and honored by the Masons assembled were the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

W.: Claud Dutro Grand Orator of Colorado

- R.: W.: J. Garrie Burr Senior Grand Warden of Illinois
- M.: W.: Michael D. Brumback Grand Master of Indiana
- M.: W.: Donald W. Gurney Grand Master of Iowa
- M.: W.: Conrad F. Johnson Past Grand Master of Kansas
- R.: W.: Eric J. Neetenbeek Senior Grand Warden of Minnesota
- M.: W.: Warren Clark Past Grand Master of Minnesota
- M.: W.: Gordon E. Hopkins Grand Master of Missouri
- R.: W.: John W. Reed Deputy Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- W.: Russell W. Hobson Grand Lecturer, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: Glen A. Peterson Grand Master of South Dakota
- R.: W.: Charles Bryan Junior Grand Warden of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Gerald Johnson Past Grand Master of South Dakota
and Deputy Grand Master
- M.: W.: Robert L. Morrow Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Richard E. Fletcher Past Grand Master of Vermont
and Executive Secretary, MSA
- M.: W.: Jimmy Jon Dunlap Grand Master of Wyoming
- R.: W.: Bill McGraw Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming

**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPENDANT BODIES
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA**

- Miss Laura Wild Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Mrs. Thelma Domingo Supreme Deputy
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Miss Chanda Miller Grand Bethel Honored Queen
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Miss Brooke Hubbard Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Mrs. June Nielsen Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Jerry Sieck Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Jason Sibley State Master Councilor
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Bill Stroud State Senior Councilor
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Evan Peterson State Junior Councilor
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Kent Eldrige State Scribe/Treasurer
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Brother Eugene C. Sibley Personal Representative of the
State Executive Officer
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Mrs. Mary Lou Erickson Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- M.: E.: Fred O. Wyant Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- M.: I.: Edward I. Morrow Grand Illustrious Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

R.:E.: Keith Herbster	Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska
R.:E.: Jay H. Speck	Grand Secretary - Recorder York Rite Bodies of Nebraska
ILL.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
Brother James W. Keebaugh	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Alliance
Brother Ray A. C. Johnson	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Lincoln
Brother Lester Aspegren	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Hastings
Brother James R. Erixon	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha
IMP.: Sir John D. VerMaas	Imperial Chief Rabban of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America
ILL.: Sir Sanford H. Nelson	Potentate of Sesostris Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
ILL.: Sir Roger Nicholson	Potentate of Tangier Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
ILL.: Sir Don Vogel	Potentate of Temaha Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
W.: Gerald D. Verbeek	Regional Representative National Sojourners for Nebraska and Iowa
W.: Charles A. Folsom	Past National President of National Sojourners, and Past National Commander of the Hero's of '76

**PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS
OF NEBRASKA**

M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer	1964
Mrs. Margaret Fickes, widow of Russell Fickes	1971
M.: W.: Frank J. Mattoon	1973
M.: W.: Harold Hultman	1975
M.: W.: Jack H. Hendrix	1978
M.: W.: Warren D. Lichty	1979
M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins	1980
Mrs. Irene Wurdeman, widow of Harold C. Wurdeman	1981
M.: W.: Robert A. Metcalf	1984-85
M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon	1986
M.: W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg	1987
M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland	1988
M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye	1989
M.: W.: John M. McHenry	1990
M.: W.: James N. DeMoss	1991
M.: W.: James L. Eatmon	1992
M.: W.: Donald L. Pohlman	1993

V.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr., Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand Master Mattoon welcomed everyone to this the 138th Annual Commu-
nication, and introduced the Mayor of Kearney, Peter Kotsiopolis.

Mayor Kotsiopolis brought greetings and welcomed everyone to the city of
Kearney.

Grand Master Mattoon commented on how fortunate Nebraska is to have three
terrific and well functioning youth organizations in the State. He then intro-
duced Miss Chanda Miller, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Brooke
Hubbard, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, both of whom brought greetings from
the Grand Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Miss Laura Wild, Grand Worthy Advisor was introduced by Grand Master
Mattoon at which time Laura brought greetings from the International Order of
Rainbow for Girls.

Brother Jason C. Sibley, State Master Councilor was introduced by Grand
Master Mattoon at which time Brother Jason brought greetings from Nebraska
Chapter, International Order of DeMolay.

At this time Grand Master Mattoon presented Mary Lou Erickson, Worthy
Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron Mary Lou
brought greetings then presented a check from the Fall-In-Gathering to Arthur
R. Sharp, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

**PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND
CUSTODIANS**

W.: Gus Scolaro, Grand Custodian presented the Deputy Grand Custodians:

Arthur S. Dye	District 18
Frank Harris, Emeritus	District 38
John C. Sierks	District 8
Everett K. Dappen, Emeritus	District 30
Victor D. Hunt	District 17
Eugene C. Sibley	District 11
Leslie A. Evert	District 29
Harold W. Noble	District 35
Lloyd Vrtiska	District 7
Arthur J. Ferguson	District 26
Steven A. Green	District 10
Gerald D. Verbeek	District 34
Keith B. Leibhart	District 27
Richard W. Linnemeyer	District 25

Ronald D. Grass	District 5
Scott J. Krieger	District 20
Herbert M. Chambers	District 2
Delmar Jones	District 24
Don L. Jelinek	District 36
Halsey D. Phillips	District 3
John M. Weidner, Sr.	District 31

After introductions the following Brothers were recognized: Virgil Tubach, Grand Secretary, for 35 years of proficiency; Harold Noble for 25 years of proficiency; Leslie Evert for 20 years of proficiency; John M. Weidner for 10 years of proficiency.



Grand Master Mattoon called everyone's attention to the list of Emick, Grand Lodge Youth Committee and Houghton Scholarships printed in the program, indicating Masonic funds well invested in these young scholars.



GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master read the names, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Mattoon had the honor of doing the presentations.

- Mike Minnick - Hickman Lodge No. 256
- Eugene C. Sibley - Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- Jay H. Speck - Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
- Steve B. Wetzel - North Star Lodge No. 227
- A. L. "Pepper" Aasgaard - Covert Lodge No. 11 & Nebraska No. 1
- James Franson - Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- Keith Kortwright - John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
- Charles W. Shrader - Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201
- Ray Schwarz - North Star Lodge No. 227 & Hickman No. 256
- Robert Ellis - East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Timothy E. Lowe - Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
- Robert A. Metcalf - East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Kirby Hunt - North Star Lodge No. 227
- Richard Householder - Alliance Lodge No. 183
- David Wellendorf - Springfield Lodge No. 112
- John W. Webster - George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
- Elsworth L. Abbott - Falls City Lodge No. 9
- Wayne J. Pauley - Lincoln Lodge No. 19
- Darrell D. Christensen - Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- Dennis Hyman - Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- Andrew L. Kroupa - Springfield Lodge No. 112

Kenneth C. Jackson - East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Richard P. Don - Falls City Lodge No. 9

First place went to Brother J. L. Spray of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, who was the first line signer for 9 petitioners, all of them under 30 years of age. Brother J. L. was presented with a recognition badge; also his picture and name will be on a plaque which will hang in the Grand Lodge Office.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master Mattoon made the following remarks as he presented the 1994 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award recipient:

"We have some stringent criteria that we have established for recognition of these individuals. First of all, we will not award this to more than two individuals in any calendar year. The individual that is entitled to receive this award, and there are many, ... must be a Master Mason and have been such for at least 30 years. He must have been active in at least three of the five following community activities: he could have held a political office such as mayor, city council member, county board member, NRD member, school board member, some other political office, whatever might be available where he resides; he could have been active in his church, either as an elder, a vestryman, deacon, lay leader, lay reader, whatever his particular denomination permits; he could have been denoted as a civic leader because of his involvement on boards of directors for local hospitals, nursing homes, financial institutions, or foundations; he could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the Y, United Way, Scouting, or similar organizations. He could have been involved in such service organizations as Lions, Sertoma, Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimists, and so forth. But lastly, he must have been active in the Masonic fraternity. In other words, these are the Masons that make the difference within their community. These awards are presented to them in their local community, and the entire community is invited to be present, particularly those organizations with which they have been involved. This year it was our pleasure to present this award to Brother Elsworth L. Abbott of Falls City Lodge No. 9.

Brother Elsworth Abbott expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master Mattoon described the Rock Maul Award as one that is presented to one lodge each year by the Grand Master. The lodge selected should represent the best all around lodge in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. The Rock Maul is a sixteen pound rock maul that has been used in a rock quarry for its intended purpose. It was inscribed and presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in the year of M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins and has been awarded once a year since then to that lodge determined to have been the recipient by the

selection process. The recipient of the Award is unknown until this announcement at Grand Lodge each year. The Grand Master presented the Rock Maul Award to North Bend Lodge No. 119.

GOLD PAN AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon displayed the Gold Pan Award, which is, in fact, a pan that was used to pan for gold. It was presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It is a beautiful trophy presented each year to that lodge which has shown, in the determination of the selection committee, the greatest overall improvement, or the most significant contribution to Masonry in Nebraska. The Grand Master presented the Gold Pan Award to Wood Lake Lodge No. 221.

GRAND ORATION

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327

Most Worshipful Grand Master Mattoon, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters and visiting Grand Masters, other visiting Masonic dignitaries, Ladies, friends, Brethren:

Each year as we convene the annual Grand Lodge Communication two major political events typically have taken place. First, we have heard the State of the Union Address by the President of the United States. Second, we have heard the State of the State Address by Nebraska's Governor. It always seems to me that the timing of Grand Lodge early in each new calendar year appropriately coincides with those two acknowledgments of the affairs of government. As Most Worshipful Steve and his wife Cathy greeted us here this morning and as Most Worshipful Steve conducts this Grand Lodge Communication, we celebrate another successful Masonic year — and we launch upon the next year's work. In a sense, we sort of gather for our own State of the Fraternity observations.

Typically, at our Saturday morning business session, accolades are given to the Grand Master for the work and efforts he has expended during his term. While that is appropriate, a Saturday morning thank you fails to recognize the sacrifice that a wife and family make to help ensure the Grand Master's ability to energetically serve this Masonic Fraternity for his term. Take a minute with me to stand up and applaud Steve and thank Cathy and their daughters for the work and travel they have completed this past year on our behalf.

Like the State of the Union and the State of the State Address, our Masonic Fraternity has some good news to report and some areas of concern and uncertainty. Not unlike our State and our Nation, we take the occasion of this time of the year to reflect on our achievements and then to labor to set the course for the next year. We have cause for celebration but we also recognize there

remains much work to do. Perhaps in the areas of membership, community involvement, activating not so active members, more effort in youth work.

A moment ago when I asked Most Worshipful Steve's family to stand, you all could not help but note how proud Steve and Cathy are of their daughters, Kendra and Stephanie. Both of them are active teen-agers involved in a host of school activities and are both active Job's Daughters. It is appropriate and obvious that Most Worshipful Steve continues to emphasize the support of the activities of young people and their youth organizations. Our Masonic Fraternity has taken a strong interest in young persons in the past and be assured that Jerry Rittenburg and the other current line officers will continue to endeavor to be supportive of our young persons, their organizations and the dedicated adult leadership that is so absolutely essential to keep those groups strong. The appearance and the comments of the leadership of the Job's, the DeMolay and the Rainbow here today delighted us. The appearance of their adult leaders and advisors serves as witness to the dynamic future those groups will continue to enjoy. Let each of us pledge our attendance at their events to demonstrate the sincerity of our support.

Speaking of young persons, this time of year precedes an important event for the Nobles of our appendant body, the Shrine. In the next few months, the Shrine Circus will visit the Shrine Temples in Nebraska.

How many of you are going to the Shrine Circus this Year?

How many of you have attended the Shrine Circus in the past? Most all of you? — Good!

One of the great things about the circus is that each of us, no matter how many years old or how many years young, revert back to the days of our childhood when it comes to the thrill of the big top. The air fills with anticipation as we are greeted by our Shrine clowns. We find our seats, we view the entrance of the Potentate and his Divan. Act follows act, Clowns do their best to amuse the audience. Then the announcer following a drum roll says "...Ladies and Gentlemen, Girls and Boys, Children of all ages, in the center ring, high above us...". All eyes follow the beams of the spotlights to watch the tight rope walker. The hair on the back of our necks stands on end and we increase the speed at which we consume our popcorn and our cotton candy. But the excitement and thrill we feel must be pale compared to that of the performer. All eyes are on him. His one size too small outfit glitters in the spotlight as he moves out onto the wire. He holds the audience in his hand with his every step.

Unfortunately, we cannot all be the high wire artist. But it would be my observation that too many in this world and too many in our Masonic Fraternity become too content to simply be the spectator, to sit back and consume our cotton candy — maybe getting a sugar high, but not coming even close to the thrill experienced by the person on the high wire. Understand that we need both the performer and the audience to complete the picture and make the circus show. Both roles are important and both have their place. As we have gathered here today, all of us are at the same time, part of the act and part of the audience.

Each of you here has a particular role to complete. Everyone of us is part of the event. So it must be when we return home to our subordinate Lodges to carry out the programs and activities of the local lodge. As officers of the subordinate lodges or in such other Masonic leadership roles as you hold, each of us must strive to be a part of the performance. Each must also strive to get the rest of the organization off the sidelines, out of the cheap seats, into the spotlight and become a part of the show.

Just be cautious of this one risk — the goal of all of our activities must be not to bring too much attention to the individual, but rather to bring attention to the Masonic Fraternity as we work to be a contributor to the quality of life in each of our communities and as we labor to get attitudes and standards of conduct more and more on track with the visions of our forbearers. Masons have much to be proud of and it is important that in your local lodges through your meetings, through your ritualistic work, through your education committee activities and through your community involvement that you enable each of your brethren to gain a renewed sense of that pride.

As you leave this Grand Lodge Communication on Saturday, please take with you two commitments: First, that you will go back to your home Lodge with a desire and a resolution to get into the ring. That you will become more like the daring performer on the high wire — not be just a spectator content on watching from the shadows. Second, that you will continually encourage your fellow Masonic Lodge members to step out of the bleachers and become a part of the show. We must continue to grow and build the Masonic Fraternity and strive to make its ideals and its influence felt in each of our communities. The eyes of youth are on us, the eyes of our critics are on us. Together lets challenge ourselves to be world class performers.

I would like to close with a poem that I have used on other occasions. It is a poem written by my friend and Brother, Birman Warrick, past master of my Lodge, Solomon No. 10. It goes like this:

*Isn't it interesting that Princes and Kings
and clowns that caper in circus rings;
And ordinary people like you and me
all are builders for eternity.
Each is given a bag of tools,
a shapeless mass and a book of rules;
and what do we make 'ere life is floun?
Either a stumbling block
or a stepping stone.*

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First Day — Opening Session
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M.: W.: Grand Master Steven F. Mattoon requested that Michael E. Jones, W.: Grand Marshal proclaim the 138th Annual Communication opened in ample form.

M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon announced the appointment of M.: W.: James N. DeMoss as Parliamentarian with M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye as alternate for this 138th Annual Communication.

The report of the Committee on Business and Rules was made by the R.: W.: Grand Secretary Virgil L. Tubach, who then moved for its adoption.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Virgil L. Tubach, 54

The business of an Annual Communication shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge

A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, as amended. The order of business shall be as shown in the printed program for the Communication, or as may be revised by the Grand Master to expedite the business and procedure of the Grand Lodge. The Committee further recommends:

1. The Grand Master shall appoint a brother to serve as Parliamentarian of the Annual Communication. The Parliamentarian need not be a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise and consult the Grand Master regarding procedures.
2. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman or designated member from the East unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master.
3. Amendments, which have been brought to the floor for ballot: One of the signers of an amendment shall state the position of the signers prior to the ballot.
4. Officers speaking on any motion, resolution, committee report or other matter may speak from the East. Members of the Grand Lodge may then speak from the main floor at a microphone near the altar or as directed by the officer presiding. Time permitting, other members of Nebraska Lodges may speak to the issue. Prior to speaking, each brother shall be recognized by the officer presiding and shall state his name and lodge before addressing the Grand Lodge.
5. No brother shall speak more than twice on any motion, resolution, committee report or other matter unless special permission is granted by the officer presiding. Members shall be recognized to speak in the order they rise unless the officer presiding shall otherwise direct. If more than one brother rises at approximately the same time, the officer presiding shall direct the order of speaking.
6. Time limits on speaking shall not be imposed unless the officer presiding shall announce time limits in order to expedite the business of the Annual Communication. Upon announcement, the officer presiding shall enforce the stated limits.
7. When the Grand Lodge is passing upon the decision and formal recommendations of the Grand Master, the Grand Master shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee will announce the position of the Committee. Discussion will then be permitted with the Grand Master permitted to speak. Members of the Grand Lodge shall then be permitted to speak to the issue. Time permitting, other brothers may speak after which a vote will be taken.
8. When the voting method is not prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws, it shall be by the usual sign of a Mason while voting. The Grand Master, or other officer presiding, may prescribe voting by secret ballot or other method at his discretion.
9. Questions of procedure not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, or these rules, shall be determined by the Grand Master.

The report was adopted by vote of the delegates assembled.

R.: W.: Virgil L. Tubach moved to approve the printed proceedings of the 1994 Annual Communication. The motion was seconded and passed.



M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon then appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session with W.: Gene Sibley as Chairman.

Election of Officers

Most Worshipful Grand Master Mattoon directed that the delegates cast their ballots for the election of the offices of Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Secretary. All ballots were then collected by the tellers.



Greetings were brought from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska by R.: W.: John W. Reed, Deputy Grand Master.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, 256

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, on behalf of the Appropriations Committee I would like to present the Appropriations Report as printed in your packets starting on page 7. The total income that we are projecting is \$376,686.50 with total expenses requested of \$376,248.50.



While awaiting the result of the Election of Officers the following Brothers brought greetings:

M.: W.: Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont, and
Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association.

M.: W.: Michael D. Brumback, Grand Master of Indiana.

M.: W.: Donald W. Gurney, Grand Master of Iowa.

R.: W.: J. Garrie Burr, Senior Grand Warden of Illinois.

M.: W.: Glen A. Peterson, Grand Master of South Dakota.

M.: W.: Gordon E. Hopkins, Grand Master of Missouri.



Deputy Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg made a motion that approval be granted to hold the 139th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska at the Holiday Inn of Kearney, Nebraska on February 1, 2 & 3, 1996. Motion was seconded and carried.

Report of Ballot

The Chairman of Tellers, W.: Gene Sibley, presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers. There were a total of 253 ballots cast with the following individuals receiving a majority of votes for offices indicated:

- Deputy Grand Master &
 Grand Master-elect: R.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey
- Grand Senior Warden: R.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming
- Grand Junior Warden: W.: Don E. Rasmussen
- Grand Secretary: R.: W.: Virgil L. Tubach

The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from each of the newly elected officers and congratulated them individually on their election.

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the session from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 4th at 8:30 a.m.



During the Membership Banquet on Friday evening the Degree Team Competition Award was presented by Grand Master Mattoon to Comet Lodge No. 229 of Ceresco, Nebraska.

State Master Councilor Jason Sibley presented the Mason of the Year Award to Past Grand Master Dad Harry A. Spencer.

This year the Nebraska Chapter of DeMolay instituted a new award, The Sponsoring Body of the Year. Jason Sibley presented this new award to the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. Grand Master Mattoon was most pleased to accept the award on behalf of Grand Lodge.

1995 Proceedings
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One Hundred Thirty-Eighth
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 3rd & 4th, 1995

Second Session
Saturday, February 4, 1995

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 138th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 1995.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James F. Brown, Jr., invoked the blessing of Deity.

REPORT OF CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Byron Jenkins, PGM, 325

Most Worshipful Grand Master, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations Reports the following:

Three lodges were cited to appear before the Committee as being absent the last two years.

Republican Lodge No. 98 appeared before the Committee and explained their absence for the past two years, but did not register for the present communication and are not present now.

Chester Lodge No. 298 appeared and gave a satisfactory explanation of their absence.

Gilead Lodge No. 233 was cited to appear but is not present. We recommend consolidation, or removal of the charter.

Past Grand Master Jenkins then moved for adoption of this report.

The Report was adopted by a vote of the Masons assembled.

NECROLOGY

James F. Brown, Jr., 54, Grand Chaplain

"There is no such thing as a natural death. Nothing that happens to a man is ever natural, since his presence calls the world into question. All men must die, but for every man his death is an accident. Even if he knows it and consents to it, he views it as an unjustifiable violation. Perhaps this statement seems to be a harsh indictment of our ultimate faith, but it is consistent with the teachings of Masonry. Our Fraternity is devoted to enhancing the life which each of us live. Each of the degrees of Masonry are devoted to principles which can assist us in living our lives as we progress from youth through middle age to old age. In general we are to pursue ends that give our existence meaning such as devotion to individuals, to groups, or to causes. We are to continually engage in social, political, intellectual and creative work. We must always remember that our life has value, so long as we attribute value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, or compassion. So at this time we want to take a few minutes to remember and to celebrate the lives of our fellow brothers whether they are with us today or whether they walked with us in earlier days. One such man is Past Grand Master T. Leo Stines of Central City. T. Leo was always available for Masonic service; as a custodian, to give a memorial service for a brother Mason, or to install a lodge. Masons who know him paid tribute to him for his ultimate devotion to the craft. He was a Brother who learned, lived, and promoted Masonry. He will always be remembered for his service and Christian love. But there are others who walked this great state, enjoyed and enhanced its great beauties, and served Masonry in their communities. The song "The Lamb of God" which will be sung by Worshipful Brother Bob Rhodes of Utica Lodge No. 96, and the accompanying slide presentation is in honor of their lives."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

James F. Brown, Jr., 54, Grand Chaplain

Again we are called on to acknowledge the loss of a loved one, overtaken by that fate which shall eventually overcome us also. No power or station, no virtue or bravery, no wealth or honor, no tears of kindred or friends can avert that destiny.

Six hundred and seventy-two times this phrase could have been repeated for our masonic brothers during the past year. We mourn their loss but celebrate their lives.

On February 26, 1994 Masonry in Nebraska lost a great leader---Past Grand Master T. Leo Stines. He was Worshipful Master of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 in 1958, and appointed Deputy Grand Custodian in 1960. In 1967 Grand Master John Bottorf appointed Leo Grand Marshal, and in 1971 Grand Master Russell L. Fickes appointed T. Leo Grand Junior Deacon. Leo served as Grand Master in 1976. He also served as Grand Custodian in 1984-85, and was Nebraska's Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, his native state. Leo was also a Scottish Rite Mason with a K.C.C.H. designation, a member of Tehama Temple of the Shrine and a former member of the York Rite. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Again, we mourn his loss but celebrate his life.

We should always remember that Masons believe in immortality.

"I am the resurrection and the life said the Lord, he that believeth in me, though he be dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Respectfully submitted,
James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Rev. John F. Dale
Virgil L. Tubach

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James F. Brown, Jr., moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Norris Rusmisell, 46

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Brethren.

It is my privilege to bring to you the report of your Credentials Committee for this 138th Grand Lodge Communication, held February 2, 3 and 4, 1995 in Kearney, Nebraska.

This committee is charged with the duty of being sure that all Masters and Wardens have properly completed credential forms before being registered and furnished voting materials.

At the time of this report, committee records indicate that we have registered 99 Worshipful Masters representing that office in person and 32 representing that office by proxy; 48 Senior Wardens representing their office in person and 40 by proxy; 48 Junior Wardens representing the office in person and 43 by proxy, and 79 non delegate Masons.

Also present are all Grand Lodge Officers, 17 Past Grand Masters, 44 other dignitaries, 22 Deputy Grand Custodians and over 150 Ladies. Nebraska dignitaries present in addition to the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters as mentioned above include representation from York Rite bodies,

Scottish Rite bodies, Grand Council or Cryptic Masons of Nebraska, Imperial Shrine, Tangier Temple, Sesostris Temple, Tehama Temple, National Sojourners, Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay.

Other jurisdictions present include delegations from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Prince Hall of Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Vermont and Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets, Grotto of North America.

At this time records indicate no 1995 voting delegates from the following 35 lodges: No's 4, 17, 21, 38, 41, 43, 44, 48, 64, 87, 89, 104, 111, 124, 126, 137, 159, 165, 173, 177, 180, 184, 233, 234, 236, 241, 248, 261, 277, 285, 291, 293, 305, 308 and 323. Of the above lodges six have been absent for two consecutive years which are 48, 111, 173, 177, 184 and 291. One lodge, 233 has been absent for three successive years.

For your information, attendance at some of the sessions were as follows: Ladies at the Table Thursday evening was attended by 175 Masons and their Ladies. The Public Opening Friday morning had over 600 in attendance and the membership banquet last evening had 399 present.

It has been an honor to serve Most Worshipful Grand Master Steven Mattoon as chairman of his Credentials Committee and I personally would like to thank the other committee members who have tried to make this a better Grand Lodge Communication. These gentlemen are Ralph Gerry from Omaha, Delmar Jones from Kearney, Wesley Suggs of Papillion, Doyle Berg of Omaha, Frank Daugherty from Lincoln and lastly Roger Anderson from Kearney, who graciously consented to fill in when we had a late cancellation. Also a huge THANK YOU for the girls in the office, Chris, Carol and Lorie, for without their dedicated help, the Credentials Committee would not function.

Respectfully submitted,
Norris L. Rusmisell, Chairman

Norris Rusmisell moved for the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

"My brethren, all of the delegates were furnished 45 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, back in late December, a copy of the Grand Master's Recommendations, and as you registered you were given the final printed copy of my address. I would like to highlight just a few things, and go from there. Hearing no objection to that, we will proceed in that regard."

The printed address of the Grand Master is as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA

My Brethren:

In accordance with Article X, Section 2(b) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nebraska, I herewith submit my written address to this 138th Annual Communication. This address will include official acts, general conditions of Masonry and recommendations for such legislation as I deem necessary or expedient to the welfare of our Fraternity.

I first wish to express to each and every Mason in the jurisdiction of Nebraska my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master for the past year. This has been the greatest experience of my life and one which I will always treasure.

As in past years great strides have been made in Freemasonry in Nebraska this past year. The credit for these improvements is due to the Masons in the Lodges in every corner of this State who have continually labored for the good of Freemasonry. All accomplishments this past year within Grand Lodge are due to the hard work and efforts of my Grand Lodge Officers with whom I have had the honor and privilege to serve.

To each of the visiting dignitaries from other jurisdictions and from within the State of Nebraska, we offer a sincere welcome. We hope that your attendance and participation will be enjoyable and meaningful.

To the delegates and other members in attendance at the 138th Annual Communication, we extend a welcome as you gather to consider serious matters concerning Grand Lodge. As in the past several years, we have again structured this Communication with your primary concerns in mind. We hope that the Friday afternoon workshops will be of great interest and benefit to you as leaders within your Lodges and for the good of Masonry in general.

NECROLOGY

As of the writing of this Address, the faithful Secretaries of our Subordinate Lodges have reported to the Grand Lodge Office that 577 members entered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Notably, on February 26th, we mourned the loss of Past Grand Master T. Leo Stines (1976).

The committee on Fraternal Dead, under the able leadership of our V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James F. Brown, Jr., will be presenting a suitable tribute to our departed brethren as an integral part of this Annual Communication.

CORNERSTONES

The Grand Lodge and its officers have been privileged to hold several Cornerstone Ceremonies throughout the State this past year. At each ceremony the attendance was outstanding as was the aid and assistance from our local Lodges. Your Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers appreciate the opportunity to bring your Grand Lodge to public ceremonies of this nature in order that we may openly and publicly demonstrate our ideals and our beliefs. This year, your Grand Lodge had the opportunity of laying five Cornerstones. Each instance was of an unusual nature and a credit to the fraternity.

On April 16, 1994, we were privileged to lay a Cornerstone in Kimball, Nebraska, for a building housing the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and Soil Conservation Service. It was an honor that the first Cornerstone laid during 1994 was a government building in a neighboring community to the Grand Master.

On June 12, 1994, a Cornerstone was laid in North Bend for the Senior Citizen's Center. Members of North Bend Lodge No. 119 were not only actively involved in the planning and fund raising for this Senior Citizen's Center, but also did the landscaping and laid the sod for this community project.

On August 6, 1994, a Cornerstone was laid for the addition to the Temple Building of Wood Lake Lodge No. 221. Although the community of Wood Lake is small in number, the Lodge turned out in large numbers and coordinated the Cornerstone with a Centennial Celebration, tribute to widows, and sponsorship of a community celebration.

We were privileged to lay a Cornerstone in Geneva, Nebraska, for a new addition to the public library, on October 15, 1994. Geneva Lodge No. 79 organized this Cornerstone Laying. This Lodge has promoted and organized the laying of several Cornerstones in their community the past several years.

Lastly, on November 20, 1994, the Grand Lodge was privileged to lay a Cornerstone for the Western Nebraska Community College Sidney Center in Sidney, Nebraska. This meant a great deal to me as Grand Master, to be allowed to lay a Cornerstone for an educational building in the community in which I was born and raised. I greatly appreciate the support of my local Lodge, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.

CONSOLIDATIONS

1. On June 6, 1994, I approved the consolidation of Pilot Lodge No. 240 of Lyons into Tekamah Lodge No. 31 of Tekamah.
2. On September 12, 1994, I approved the consolidation of Bayard Lodge No. 301 of Bayard into Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 of Bridgeport.

BYLAWS APPROVED

On February 8, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Omadi Lodge No. 5 to provide for the appointment of an Audit Committee and an Investment Committee by the Worshipful Master at the first regular meeting after his installation.

On February 8, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Omadi Lodge No. 5 to provide for allocation of revenues from rental property.

On February 8, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Omadi Lodge No. 5 to clarify the procedure used to amend the bylaws of that lodge.

On March 16, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of North Star Lodge No. 227 to clarify the make-up and duties of the Board of Trustees.

On March 25, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Polk Lodge No. 311 to change the time of their regular communication during the months of April through October.

On March 25, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Polk Lodge No. 311 to increase their annual dues.

On May 13, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Palisade Lodge No. 216 to increase their annual dues.

On June 24, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Barneston Lodge No. 165 to change their regular communication from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday.

On July 22, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 to increase their annual dues.

On August 29, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Canopy Lodge No. 209 to change the day of their regular communication.

On September 12, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 to increase their annual dues.

On September 20, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 to clarify the handling of their securities.

On October 19, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 to increase their annual dues.

On October 19, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 to allow for a change of their regular meeting day should it be in conflict with any Grand Lodge meeting.

On October 31, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hebron Lodge No. 43 to increase their annual dues.

On December 8, 1994, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Friendship Lodge No. 239, a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

On December 28, 1994, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hiram Lodge No. 52 to increase their degree fees.

On January 5, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Culbertson Lodge No. 174 to change their regular communication from the 1st and 3rd Wednesday to the 3rd Wednesday only.

REINSTATEMENTS

I approved on the dates shown, the reinstatement to membership, in lodges shown, of the following individuals based upon satisfactory approval by the respective lodges of petitions therefor:

February 16, 1994	Allen W. Bullock	St. Johns No. 25
February 16, 1994	James R. Collison	Jachin No. 146
February 16, 1994	Robert N. Lawson	Oasis No. 271
February 16, 1994	Steven L. Meyer	Nebraska No. 1
February 28, 1994	Earl V. Hughes	East Lincoln No. 210
February 28, 1994	Leon Glenn	Hay Springs No. 177
March 8, 1994	Henry J. Dicke, Jr.	Robert Burns No. 173
March 23, 1994	Scott E. Sprague	Silver Cord No. 224
March 25, 1994	Fred H. Freeman	Bellevue No. 325
April 15, 1994	Norman R. Monroe	East Lincoln No. 210
May 18, 1994	Robert T. Burns	Bee Hive No. 184
May 18, 1994	Richard R. Scaggs	Cotner No. 297
May 25, 1994	George Madelen	Humboldt No. 40
June 3, 1994	James F. Hunter, III	Chester No. 298
June 24, 1994	Richard D. Johnson	Covert No. 11
June 24, 1994	William J. Ring	Mosaic No. 55
June 29, 1994	Jerry A. Schutte	Wayne No. 120
June 29, 1994	William A. Blake	John J. Mercer No. 290
July 29, 1994	Carl Henderson	Cement No. 211
August 29, 1994	Donald E. Parmenter	North Bend No. 119
August 29, 1994	Donald G. Mason	Geo Lininger No. 268
August 29, 1994	Orville D. Lage	Wayne No. 120
September 2, 1994	Kent D. Stark	Acacia No. 34
September 12, 1994	John M. Clay	Mid-West No. 317
September 21, 1994	Charles C. Thielen	North Star No. 227
September 21, 1994	Gary P. Reed	Highland No. 194
October 4, 1994	William W. McDaniel	Miloma No. 328
October 4, 1994	C. Ronald Lambert	Mosaic No. 55
October 13, 1994	Leslie Shepard	Hooper No. 72
November 7, 1994	Harold H. Christensen	Fremont No. 15
November 7, 1994	Victor V. Hanneld	Fremont No. 15
November 25, 1994	Charles F. Williams	Silver Cord No. 224
November 25, 1994	Willis L. Brown	Elwood No. 167
December 8, 1994	Morris I. Motely	Florence No. 281
December 19, 1994	Richard W. Harig	Lancaster No. 54
December 19, 1994	Gus Barekas	Jachin No. 146

December 28, 1994	Theodore Brunson	Springfield No. 112
December 28, 1994	Leonard E. Pedersen	Bee Hive No. 184
January 5, 1995	Robert L. Strong	Liberty No. 300
January 12, 1995	Donald F. Peters	Ogalalla No. 159
January 20, 1995	Robert R. Hansen	John J. Mercer No. 290
January 25, 1995	Carl E. Ester	Bellevue No. 325

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

I granted, on the date shown, absolute waiver of Nebraska jurisdiction over the individual listed in favor of named lodges operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.:F.: & A.:M.::

February 17, 1994	Devin J. Rowland to North Riverside Lodge No. 662
June 27, 1994	Marion Steve Goodon, Jr. to Landmark Lodge No. 103
July 18, 1994	Rick Clements to North Riverside Lodge No. 662
August 29, 1994	Michael Courtney to Landmark Lodge No. 103

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year it was my pleasure to recommend, to the Grand Master of those jurisdictions listed, the following individuals for appointment as Grand Representative of those jurisdictions near Nebraska:

Dwight E. Smith	Utah
Jerry L. Rittenburg	Missouri
Robert Driewer	Japan
Kent A. Talich	British Columbia
Scott Osler	Paraiba, Brazil
James F. Brown, Jr.	Nicaragua
Daniel Spearow	Pernambuco, Brazil

Also during this year it has been my pleasure, at the request of other Grand Masters, to commission the following individuals to be Grand Representatives of Nebraska near their Grand Jurisdiction:

Raymond J. Vanden Berghe	New Jersey
A. Th. ten Houten	Netherlands
Col. Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	England
Peter Alexander Potheary	Victoria
Dilip Basu	India
Rigoberto Jamett Mauriera	Chile

CENTENNIALS

I was privileged to be in attendance at the Centennial observance of Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 in Wood Lake on August 6, 1994. I was received as Grand Master in Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 and presented W.: Otto W. Micheel with the Grand Lodge Centennial Certificate. The Centennial Celebration was held in conjunction with the laying of a cornerstone, tribute to widows, and a local community celebration sponsored by Wood Lake Lodge No. 221.

On September 10, 1994, Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg served as my Personal Representative at the Centennial Observance of Landmark Lodge No. 222 in Herman, Nebraska. The Grand Lodge Centennial Certificate was presented to W.: Darel R. Ahrens. A community barbecue was sponsored by Landmark Lodge No. 222 in observance of the Centennial.

On October 8, 1994, I was privileged to be in attendance at the Centennial observance of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 in Ainsworth, Nebraska. I was received as Grand Master and presented W.: Stanley D. Crawford with the Grand Lodge Centennial Certificate.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

February 1994

- 3 Annual Communication - Kearney
- 4 Annual Communication - Kearney
- 5 Annual Communication - Kearney
- 12 Officers Meeting - Sidney
- 13 Installation of 1994/95 Grand Lodge Officers
- 18 Visited VA Medical Center on behalf of MSA - Lincoln
- 19 Conference of Grand Masters - Washington, D.C.
- 20 Conference of Grand Masters - Washington, D.C.
- 21 Conference of Grand Masters - Washington, D.C.
- 22 Conference of Grand Masters - Washington, D.C.
- 23 Conference of Grand Masters - Washington, D.C.

March 1994

- 1 Received as Grand Master at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney
- 3 Attended the funeral of Past Grand Master T. Leo Stines - Central City
- 9 Visitation of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 - Sidney
- 17 Scottish Rite Biennial Workshop - San Antonio, Texas
- 18 Scottish Rite Biennial Workshop - San Antonio, Texas

- 19 Scottish Rite Biennial Workshop - San Antonio, Texas
- 20 Box Social, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 - Sidney
- 25 Line Officers Meeting - Kearney
- 26 Long Range Planning Meeting - Kearney
- 27 Attended Palm Sunday Breakfast at Golden Rod Lodge No. 306 - Lodgepole
- 29 Took part in Certification of Master Mason Degree at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney

April 1994

- 7 Minnesota Grand Lodge - Rochester, Minnesota
- 8 Minnesota Grand Lodge - Rochester, Minnesota
- 9 Minnesota Grand Lodge - Rochester, Minnesota
- 12 Attended Friendship Night at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney
- 16 Officers Meeting - Kimball
- 16 Cornerstone at the A.S.C.S./S.C.S. Building - Kimball
- 18 Attended School of Instruction at Kimball Lodge No. 294 - Kimball
- 20 Attended School of Instruction at Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 - Gering
- 23 Attended Order of the Eastern Star Grand Officer Exchange, Nebraska - Colorado
- 24 Attended Lodgepole Valley Shrine Club Meeting

May 1994

- 4 Conferral of Masters Degree, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney
- 6 Line Officers Long-Range Planning Meeting - Kearney
- 7 1995 Grand Lodge Planning and Social Committee Meeting - Kearney
- 10 Attended Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees Meeting - Plattsmouth
- 10 Attended Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star - Lincoln
- 11 Attended Parent's Night at Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 - Sidney
- 13 Meeting with Fred Carr of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 and Sutherland Lodge No. 299
- 21 Attended Installation of Officers at Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 - Sidney

June 1994

- 11 Attended Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls - Crete
- 12 Laying of Cornerstone at the Senior Citizen's Center - North Bend
- 12 Attended Centennial Celebration of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, OES - Fremont
- 23 Attended Grand Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters - Grand Island
- 24 Attended Grand Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters - Grand Island
- 25 Attended Installation of Grand Officers and Grand Council, Grand Bethel International Order of Job's Daughters - Grand Island

July 1994

- 3 Attended Imperial Shrine - Denver, Colorado
- 4 Attended Imperial Shrine - Denver, Colorado
- 5 Attended Imperial Shrine - Denver, Colorado
- 6 Attended Imperial Shrine - Denver, Colorado
- 7 Attended Imperial Shrine Installation - Denver, Colorado
- 16 Transported Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 - Denver, Colorado
- 16 Attended 90th birthday party for Elmer Hartmann - Sidney
- 18 Meeting with Chris Rudder, Office Manager and inspection of new office location - Lincoln
- 19 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting and Annual Stockholders Meeting - Fremont
- 21 Officers Planning Retreat - Amana, Iowa
- 22 Officers Planning Retreat - Amana, Iowa
- 23 Officers Planning Retreat - Amana, Iowa
- 24 Officers Planning Retreat - Amana, Iowa
- 29 Meeting with Potentates and Chief Rabbans of Sesostris, Tangier and Tehama Temples - Lincoln
- 29 Shrine Banquet - Lincoln
- 30 Shrine Parade and Shrine Bowl - Lincoln
- 30 Reception for Jason Sibley, State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay - Lincoln
- 30 Caring Club Dinner at Nebraska Masonic Home - Plattsmouth

August 1994

- 6 Centennial and Cornerstone at Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 - Wood Lake
- 9 Meeting with Golden Rod Lodge No. 306 regarding procedures for consolidation - Lodgepole
- 10 Attended Order of Eastern Star Grand Officer visitation and area meeting - Lodgepole
- 10 Attended Order of Eastern Star Grand Officers visitation and area meeting - Bridgeport
- 13 Attended Reception for State DeMolay Sweetheart and State Senior Councilor, Order of DeMolay - Sidney
- 17 Conference with President and Chairman of the Board of Western Nebraska Community College regarding Cornerstone
- 19 Midwest Conference of Grand Masters - Peoria, Illinois
- 20 Midwest Conference of Grand Masters - Peoria, Illinois
- 21 Midwest Conference of Grand Masters - Peoria, Illinois
- 28 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children 4H Achievement Day - Fremont
- 29 Meeting with Robert Metcalf, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation - Lincoln
- 29 Meeting with Office Staff - Lincoln
- 29 Meeting with Grand Secretary - Lincoln

September 1994

- 6 Attended Past Masters Night at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney
- 11 Attended Masonic Family Picnic - Sidney
- 23 Officers Meeting - Grand Island
- 23 Custodial School - Grand Island
- 25 Presented 50 Year Pins to M.: W.: Paul R. Evcland and PGP Bernie Paden - North Bend
- 27 Conferral of Masters Degree at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney

October 1994

- 1 Oktoberfest Parade - Sidney
- 8 Centennial Celebration at Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 - Ainsworth
- 9 Attended "Go to Church Sunday" with Job's Daughters Bethel No. 37 - Ainsworth

- 11 Area Meeting - Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 - Valentine
- 15 Cornerstone Laying at the Library Addition - Geneva
- 16 Grand Lodge Planning Meeting - Kearney
- 17 Meeting with Holiday Inn Hotel Staff - Kearney
- 19 Area Meeting - Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 - Chappell
- 29 DeMolay Grand Master's Class - Hastings

November 1994

- 5 Alliance Consistory Scottish Rite
- 16 Parents Night and Initiation at Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 - Sidney
- 19 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting - Sidney
- 19 Ladies at the Table at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney
- 20 Cornerstone Laying at Western Nebraska Community College Sidney Center - Sidney
- 21 Awards Presentations at Alliance Lodge No. 183 - Alliance
- 29 Fellow Craft Degree at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney

December 1994

- 8 Humanitarian Award Presentation to Elsworth L. Abbott of Falls City Lodge No. 9 - Falls City
- 10 Received as Grand Master and participated in Master Mason Degree at Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln for Jason Sibley, State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay
- 12 Visitation and Banquet at Beatrice Lodge No. 26, the Lodge my Grandfather and Great Grandfather were members - Beatrice
- 13 Presentation of 50 Year Pin and Banquet at Golden Rod Lodge No. 306 - Lodgepole
- 18 Installation of officers at Job's Daughters Bethel No. 12 - Kimball
- 28 Installation of Kendra J. Mattoon and Officers at Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 - Sidney
- 29 Conferral of Masters Degree at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney

January 1995

- 8 Installation of officers of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 - Sidney

- 10 Installation of officers of Goldenrod Lodge No. 306 -
Lodgepole
- 20 Pre-convention meeting with Holiday Inn - Kearney
- 23 Installation of officers of Justice Lodge No. 180 -
Benkelman
- 24 Conferral Second Section Master's Degree, Rob
Morris Lodge No. 46 - Kearney
- 25 Visitation at Covert Lodge No. 11 - Omaha

PERMISSIONS

On February 8, 1994, I gave permission to Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City to temporarily move their charter to the First Christian Church for the purpose of conducting their regular communication.

On March 7, 1994, I gave permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha to temporarily move their charter to the Omaha Club for the purpose of holding a Table Lodge on April 5, 1994.

On April 11, 1994, I gave permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to temporarily move their charter to Grandpa's Steakhouse for the purpose of holding a Table Lodge on April 15, 1994.

On April 18, 1994, I gave permission to Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville to sell and enter into a lease agreement on their lodge building.

On April 22, 1994, I gave permission to Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha to temporarily move their charter to a farm near Fort Calhoun for the purpose of conducting an outdoor degree on May 21, 1994.

On April 29, 1994, I gave permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte to temporarily move their charter to their building in Gothenburg for the purpose of conferring a degree.

On June 6, 1994, I gave permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte to participate in the NebraskaLand parade in June.

On June 20, 1994, I gave permission to Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus to participate in the Columbus Day Parade on August 21, 1994, and also to participate in the Schuyler Labor Day Parade on September 5, 1994.

On July 19, 1994, I gave permission to Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue to incur indebtedness for construction and replacement of a new roof. As the construction is for replacement of the roof of the building, and due to the emergency nature of this repair, I waived any provisions in Section 1-309 of the Bylaws.

On August 5, 1994, I gave permission to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering to temporarily move their charter to Charley Yount's Ranch for the purpose of conferring the Masters Degree.

On August 22, 1994, I gave permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island to solicit Nebraska Lodges for donations for the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck.

On September 12, 1994, I gave permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney to participate in the Oktoberfest Parade in Sidney on October 1, 1994.

On October 31, 1994, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to solicit donations from Nebraska Lodges to purchase holiday gifts for the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On December 2, 1994, I gave permission to Falls City Lodge No. 9 to temporarily move their charter for the presentation of the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to Elsworth L. Abbott.

On December 7, 1994, I gave permission to A. L. Aasgaard, as President of the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to send a sample of a World War II Masonic Commemorative Pin to the Secretary of each lodge in Nebraska. Funds from the sale of said pin are to be used for Masonic Scholarships by the Masters and Wardens Club.

On December 19, 1994, I gave permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to temporarily move their charter to the Kearney Holiday Inn on February 3 & 4, 1995, for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons at Annual Communication.

On December 26, 1994, I gave permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 to temporarily move their charter on June 21, 1995 to the West Omaha Temple for the purpose of conducting an open installation of their 1995 officers.

On January 6, 1995, I gave permission to Dr. Charles Sanders, Editor of the Texas Messenger to contact the lodges in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska regarding his publication which is running a series of 28 articles on Freemasonry.

DISPENSATIONS

On February 8, 1994, I gave dispensation to Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City to install their Senior Steward out of time.

On March 7, 1994, I gave dispensation to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine to install their Worshipful Master, Senior Deacon and Junior Steward out of time.

On March 7, 1994, I gave dispensation to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 to install their Junior Deacon out of time.

On March 9, 1994, I gave dispensation to Falls City Lodge No. 9 to permanently move its charter to the First Christian Church at 14th and Stone Streets in Falls City.

On March 29, 1994, I gave dispensation to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln to install their Chaplain out of time.

On March 31, 1994, I gave dispensation to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte to waive the six month residency requirement of Section 2-803, with

regard to an applicant for the degrees of Masonry who is employed by the military as a recruiting officer and is subject to transfer at will by the military.

On June 20, 1994, I gave dispensation to Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont to read the petition of a candidate 10 days prior to his 19th birthday, providing that he would be 19 before the petition was voted upon, and contingent upon the petitioner re-signing the Petition after he is 19 years of age and prior to the date that his Petition is voted upon by the Lodge.

On August 25, 1994, I gave dispensation to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln to read the petition of a candidate prior to his 19th birthday, providing that he would be 19 before the petition was voted upon, and contingent upon the petitioner re-signing the Petition after he is 19 years of age and prior to the date that his Petition is voted upon by the Lodge.

On September 30, 1994, I gave dispensation to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney to conduct multiple candidate degrees on a trial basis subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) No multiple candidate degree may involve more than five candidates.

(c) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required question when conducted to the center of the lodge and caused to kneel.

(d) There will be no multiple candidates in the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree.

(e) Lodge officers and the Deputy Grand Custodian must discuss the manner in which you will conduct each Degree with a representative of the Committee on Work, prior to the Degree.

(f) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work and a Grand Lodge Officer.

On September 30, 1994, I gave dispensation to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln to conduct multiple candidate degrees on a trial basis subject to the same limitations and prohibitions as set forth above.

On November 14, 1994, I gave dispensation to Golden Rod Lodge No. 306 to elect officers out of time.

On November 25, 1994, I gave dispensation to Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege to elect their Senior Warden out of time.

On December 1, 1994, I gave dispensation to Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield to elect officers out of time.

On December 2, 1994, I gave dispensation to Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial to elect their Junior Warden out of time.

On December 7, 1994, due to special circumstances I gave dispensation to Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha to waive the time limitations and to vote upon a Petition for Affiliation at the regular communication in December.

On December 8, 1994, I gave dispensation to College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln to elect their Senior Warden out of time.

On December 9, 1994, I gave dispensation to Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola to elect their Junior Warden out of time.

On December 9, 1994, I gave dispensation to Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson to elect their officers out of time.

On December 19, 1994, I gave dispensation to Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah to elect their Senior Warden out of time.

On December 19, 1994, I gave dispensation to Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood to move their charter, due to the loss of their building by fire, to the lodge hall in Weeping Water, Nebraska.

On December 28, 1994, I gave dispensation to Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend to elect their Junior Warden out of time.

On December 28, 1994, I gave dispensation to Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City to permanently move their charter back to the Masonic Lodge Building at 1622 Stone Street in Falls City.

On January 3, 1995, I gave dispensation to Capitol Lodge No. 3 to elect their officers out of time.

On January 3, 1995, I gave dispensation to Omaha Lodge No. 288 to elect their Secretary out of time.

On January 18, 1995, I gave dispensation to Zion Lodge No. 234 to install their Senior Warden, Senior Deacon, Senior Steward and Junior Warden out of time.

On January 25, 1995, I gave dispensation to Culbertson Lodge No. 174 to install their Junior Warden and Tyler out of time.

On January 30, 1995, I gave dispensation to Superior Lodge No. 121 to install their Tyler out of time.

DECISIONS

On January 26, 1995 I wrote a letter to an Entered Apprentice Mason who had been initiated in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in 1981, and then petitioned Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and taken his Entered Apprentice again in 1994. I apprised him of the law and advised him that he could Petition for Advancement or Waiver of Jurisdiction from East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, but could not continue his degree work at Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

On July 18, 1993, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Cotner Lodge No. 297 and a member of that lodge. Trial was held on May 23, 1994 in this matter. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgment of the Commission that the individual be expelled from Masonry.

On July 22, 1993, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 and a member of that lodge. Trial was held on June 29, 1994 in this matter. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgment of the Commission that the individual be expelled from Masonry.

On November 17, 1993, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Springfield Lodge No. 112 and a member of that lodge. Trial was held on February 24, 1994 in this matter. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgment of the Commission that the individual be suspended, but such sentence of suspension shall itself be suspended for so long as this individual shall comply with all of the terms and conditions of his Probation Order. If the individual shall fulfill the terms and provisions of such Probation Order, in all respects, then upon the successful completion of the five-year period of probation, the sentence of the Trial Commission shall expire and be of no further force and effect. In the event this individual should fail to fulfill the terms and conditions of the Probation Order, then upon such failure, the suspension of the sentence of this Trial Commission shall cease with the result that the individual shall thereupon be suspended indefinitely from Springfield Lodge No. 112.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Arlington, Virginia on February 20, 21 and 22, 1994. We not only had an opportunity to visit the George Washington Memorial, but to hold part of our meetings in this magnificent structure. Attending the Grand Master's Conference with me were Jerry L. Rittenburg, Deputy Grand Master, Virgil L. Tubach, Grand Secretary, V. Kaye Ramsey, Grand Senior Warden, Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Past Grand Master and Charles A. Folsom, Past National President, National Sojourners.

The Conference was presided over this year by M.:W.: Werner H. Morlock, Grand Master of Virginia. Grand Master Morlock was extremely ill at the time of the Grand Master's Conference and subsequently passed away. M.:W.: Thomas T. Irvin, Grand Master of Georgia, served as Conference Vice-Chairman and M.:W.: Robert F. Hannon, Grand Master of Arizona served as Committee Chairman. During the Conference, various groups such as the

National Masonic Foundation on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial conducted their Annual Meetings. The Commission on Recognition, a standing committee of the Conference, also made its annual presentation.

The Masonic Renewal Committee was formed by the Conference of Grand Masters in 1991 as a standing committee. The Masonic Renewal Committee presented a report on the programs and materials available, and membership seminars held. A Strategic Planning Guide for all Grand Masters was also provided. The Grand Master's Conference is attempting to give more emphasis to the exchange of ideas and programs between Grand Lodges. Breakout sessions were held on Masonic Renewal, Lodge Leadership and Development, Freemasonry and Religion and Relevancy of Ritual. In addition, an open forum was held on Public Relations, Fraternal Relations and Miscellaneous Topics. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska continues to have an active part in the Conference of Grand Masters. Deputy Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg was appointed to the Time And Place Committee. We congratulate Brother Jerry for this honor.

MID-WEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

In the last several years a Mid-West Conference of Grand Masters has been formed involving jurisdictions in the Mid-West area. A three day meeting was held this year in Peoria, Illinois, on August 12, 13 and 14. Attending the conference this year with me was Deputy Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg. This conference affords an outstanding opportunity for exchange of ideas, between neighboring Grand Lodges, as to problems being encountered, possible solutions and innovative programs. The site for the Mid-West Conference of Grand Masters changes each year and is tentatively scheduled to be hosted by Nebraska in 1999.

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1. Directorate Leadership

Several years ago, representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska attended the Grand Lodge of Michigan for the purpose of reviewing and studying a report received by the Grand Lodge which was to define the major problem with Masonry. The professional study ended with the simple comment that the major problem is "lack of continuity of leadership". Several years ago during the time that Thomas W. Tye served as Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Officers adopted "Directorate Leadership". This form of leadership requires that the Grand Master voluntarily relinquish to his Line Officers the powers and authorities normally granted by the Constitution and Bylaws to the Grand Master. The current Line Officers continue to be committed to the "Directorate Leadership". We practice in this State an ongoing policy of not making decisions nor making appointments to Line, committees, boards, as well as major policy decisions, without first presenting those matters to the Line Officers for approval. All

individuals, projects and actions require the full support of the Line Officers. By and through this method, there continues to be greater continuity in programs and planning over several years, thereby accomplishing goals set out for the good of Masonry and the entire Craft, irrespective of the individual or individuals under whose term the project may be instituted or subsequently completed.

As a result of "Directorate Leadership" and in order to advance the planning for Grand Lodge activities, the Grand Lodge Officers the last six years have held a retreat at a location outside the boundaries of the State of Nebraska, involving all officers and their spouses. We continue to hear complaints from some individuals that the Grand Lodge Officers are taking a vacation outside of the State at Grand Lodge expense. Please be assured that all expenses of the individual Grand Lodge Officers and their families are their personal expense and that there is no reimbursement from any Grand Lodge funds. I thank Deputy Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg for organizing the Retreat held in the summer of 1994.

2. Youth Organizations and Youth Committee

I have always had a strong interest in the Masonic youth organizations. I am a Senior DeMolay and have the privilege of receiving the Chevalier Degree. Although I have not had the opportunity to be directly involved in Rainbow for Girls, the initiation ritual which I was privileged to observe at Grand Assembly was one of the most moving and beautiful ritual ceremonies which I have ever had the opportunity to witness. Currently my daughters Kendra and Stephanie are serving respectively as Honored Queen and Chaplain of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 25 in Sidney.

During the past year I had the opportunity to address the Grand Assembly of Rainbow and the Grand Bethel of Job's Daughters. As a Senior DeMolay, it was a particular honor to be present and witness the Initiatory Degree and DeMolay Degree for the Grand Master's Class of DeMolay in Hastings, Nebraska, on October 29, 1994. The current State Master Councilor of DeMolay is Brother Jason Sibley. I had the unique opportunity to be involved in the conferral of the Master Mason Degree upon Brother Jason Sibley at Lancaster Lodge No. 54 on December 10, 1994. Almost all Brothers participating in the Degree were either active DeMolays, Senior DeMolays, DeMolay Advisors or DeMolay Honor Recipients.

You may be assured that we have outstanding leadership, both youth and adult, in each of our Masonic youth organizations. The Youth Committee under the guidance of Ivan Vrtiska is in the process of developing programs and making plans to advance the Masonic youth organizations within the State of Nebraska. Hopefully during the summer of 1995, a statewide Masonic youth group event will be held, sponsored by the Youth Committee.

I truly believe that the Masonic youth organizations are the foundation of our future. I encourage all Lodges and the members therein to support and become actively involved in the Masonic youth organizations within their community and area.

3. Imperial Shrine

During the last several years, there have been various Resolutions presented at Imperial Shrine promoting the disassociation of the Shrine from Freemasonry. In 1993 a Resolution was again presented to Imperial Shrine to be voted upon in July of 1994. This Resolution once again deleted the requirements of Masonic affiliation in order to belong to the Shrine. The Resolution was actively supported by the then Imperial Potentate. After much debate during the year and discussion at Imperial Shrine, the Resolution was overwhelmingly defeated by a margin of 75%.

Although the various Brethren may have either been for or against said Resolution, the research which prompted the Resolution and the response thereto contain certain lessons. As with many Masonic organizations, the membership of Shrine is decreasing. This decline in membership may have a very serious effect upon the ability of the Shrine to sponsor the Shrine Hospitals and Burn Clinics. We must all be aware of the negative consequences of decline in membership in all of the Masonic organizations, including the various charities supported by Masonry. The lesson which came across loud and clear from various Masonic leaders is that we must all work together and support each other in order to stop the decline in membership and solve mutual problems of membership which exist amongst all of the Masonic organizations.

4. Religion and Freemasonry

In the fall of 1992, I was directed by then Grand Master James L. "Sonny" Eatmon, to attend a conference and symposium on Religion and Freemasonry held in Guthrie, Oklahoma. This conference was called in order to address potential action to be taken at the Southern Baptist Convention in the summer of 1993, which proposed action basically condemned Freemasonry. Through the actions of various Grand Lodges, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction U.S.A., the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Northern Jurisdiction U.S.A. and the Masonic Service Association, a great deal of information was prepared and distributed and as a result thereof, the Resolution proposed at the Southern Baptist Convention was defeated.

However, there continue to be critics and attacks on Freemasonry by religious leaders. In response to these criticisms and potential action which must be taken, during 1994 a Committee on Freemasonry and Religion was established by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska under the chairmanship of Brother Roy Kiser. This Committee is available and can be of assistance to any Brother or Lodge who is encountering questions concerning Freemasonry and Religion.

Dr. Gary Leazer was Director of the Interfaith Witness Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board prior to the Southern Baptist Convention held in the summer of 1993. Dr. Leazer conducted an investigation into Freemasonry, held conferences with leadership of Freemasonry and incorporated his findings in a report. He concluded that Freemasonry was not a religion and that membership in Freemasonry should be left to the decision of each member of the church. His report was highly controversial within the Southern

Baptist Conference. Dr. Leazer will be our featured speaker during the Friday afternoon session. I encourage all of you to attend this presentation.

5. Area Meetings

The Line Officers recognize that often times there is a feeling of distance between the local Lodges and the officers of Grand Lodge. In an attempt to develop better communication and in order to prepare for the 1995 Grand Lodge Session, Area Meetings were held in 13 sites throughout the State of Nebraska during the fall of 1994. These Area Meetings were conducted by the various officers of Grand Lodge. Discussions were held on upcoming Resolutions and Recommendations to be voted upon at Grand Lodge, the voting procedures at Grand Lodge and development of leadership materials within the local Lodges. I would like to thank the Lodges who hosted the 13 Area Meetings for their support.

6. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation

Although the Nebraska Masonic Foundation is not a creature of the Grand Lodge, its progress and well being is directly related. In December of 1991, the Internal Revenue Service granted to the organization the Final Determination Letter of the Foundation's exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board of Directors of the Foundation, under the direction of Past Grand Master Robert A. Metcalf, is pursuing a fund raising effort and proceeding with plans for the start of construction of a library/museum. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation deserves your support as the leaders strive to make the Foundation responsive to the various needs of Freemasonry in Nebraska in an attempt to educate the general public as to what Freemasonry stands for.

7. Committee on Work

The Committee on Work has been extremely active during the past several years. Their hard work and efforts have culminated in publication of a revised Cipher and a Continuous Floorwork Manual. I would like to especially thank Past Grand Master Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master James L. "Sonny" Eatmon, Deputy Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg, Grand Custodian Gus Scolaro and Worshipful Brother Gene Sibley for their hard work on this Committee the past two years.

8. Humanitarian Award

Again this year it was my distinct pleasure to continue this outstanding program. A great many Brethren throughout the State are entitled to recognition, which makes the selection very difficult. On December 8, 1994, it was our pleasure to present the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W. Elsworth L. Abbott of Falls City Lodge No. 9 in Falls City, Nebraska. Brother Abbott has been deeply involved in his community in many ways and has continued for better than 48 years to be active in the Masonic Fraternity. Brother Abbott will be introduced and presented at the Informal Opening of Grand Lodge.

9. Grand Lodge Office

During the spring of 1994, we received notice that the building in which the Grand Lodge was located at 1630 K Street was being sold and that it would be necessary that we vacate the building. An extremely suitable replacement facility was located at 1530 South Street and the move was completed in August. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused to the Lodges and in particular the Secretaries thereof during this transition period. I encourage all of you to stop by the Grand Lodge Office at its new location whenever you are in Lincoln. I also would like to thank the Office Committee, our Office Manager, Chris Rudder and our Administrative Secretary, Carol Schroeder for the long hours of work and their assistance in locating the office building, coordinating the remodeling thereof and the actual move.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with the provision of Article X, Section 2(b) of the Constitution, I make the following Recommendations, which in my opinion and the opinion of the Grand Lodge Officers, are deemed necessary and expedient for the future welfare of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

Recommendation No. 1 — Surety Bond

I recommend that Section 2-311 -- Surety Bond, be amended to substitute the words Grand Lodge for the words Grand Secretary, and to delete the second sentence of the first paragraph to bring the bylaws into compliance with the surety bond, so that Section 2-311 will then read:

"Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge for bond protection to the lodge against misappropriation of lodge funds by its Secretary and its Treasurer. All payments hereunder by subordinate lodges shall be paid annually to the Grand Lodge which shall keep a record thereof. The Grand Lodge shall procure a surety bond from a company legally issuing such bond sufficient in amount to protect all of the subordinate lodges against misappropriation of its funds by its Secretary and by its Treasurer, and pay the amount thereof out of the money received for this purpose from such lodges. Said bond so furnished is to be conditioned for the full protection of the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate lodges."

Recommendation No. 2 — Grand Secretary

I recommend Section 1-201 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended to reflect the narrowing of duties where the Grand Secretary is no longer spending full time at the Grand Lodge Office.

"The Grand Secretary shall have charge of the seal of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend and record the transactions of the Grand Lodge when in Annual Communication; shall sign all orders, certificates, documents and diplomas requiring the seal of the Grand Lodge, to include the affixing of the seal thereon; shall complete and carry on such communications with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to insure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. The Grand Secretary shall report to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge such statistical data concerning the status of the membership of this Grand Lodge as may, in his opinion, be appropriate, or as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of such duties or other programs of the Grand Lodge to include the promotion of Masonry."

Recommendation No. 3 — Lodge Dues

I recommend that the first paragraph of Section 2-605 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

"The dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of June of the same year, if not paid by that date."

I further recommend that paragraph two be deleted and replaced with the following:

"On June 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before September 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before September 30, of such year he shall automatically stand suspended for non-payment of dues and an entry thereof shall be made in the minutes of the Lodge at the first subsequent stated meeting. It shall also be the duty of the secretary to notify, in writing, each member automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual."

CONCLUSION

It is hard to believe that one year has passed since I was installed as Grand Master. During this one year period of time, several beliefs which I held about Masonry were confirmed. Masonry is progressing in Nebraska.

Although we have and may continue to have slight declines in membership, it is my firm belief that we have indeed turned the corner and that not only will membership increase, but the strength of the leadership in the Lodges will continue to grow.

We have an outstanding and totally positive relationship with all of the Masonic bodies within the state of Nebraska

This Grand Lodge and the Brethren in this Grand Lodge are committed to the teachings and goals of Freemasonry.

I have several individuals who I would like to thank for their support and assistance the last several years:

1. To the Past Grand Masters under whom I had the privilege of serving and who had the necessary confidence to ask that I be involved as an officer of Grand Lodge: M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye, M.:W.: John M. McHenry, M.:W.: James N. DeMoss, M.:W.: James L. Eatmon and M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman.
2. To all the Grand Lodge Officers with whom I had the privilege to serve.
3. To our Office Manager, Chris Rudder, our Administrative Secretary, Carol Schroeder, and Barb Spiker, my legal secretary, for their constant and ever faithful support, assistance and cooperation during the last year.
4. To my wife, Cathy, my daughters, Kendra and Stephanie, my father, Frank J. Mattoon and my sister and brother-in-law Susan and Kent Talich for their love, support and sacrifice in order that I could serve in this capacity. My only regret is that my mother, Treva, passed away several months before I was installed as Grand Master.
5. Most of all, to you my Brethren, for your confidence in electing me to this honor and for your support during the past year.

With your continued support and with the outstanding leadership under Deputy Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg and the remaining officers of Grand Lodge, I have no doubt that Masonry will progress and grow during 1995 and future years.

Thank you my Brethren.

Fraternally,
Steven F. Mattoon
Grand Master

Upon the motion of the Grand Master, the printed address of the Grand Master, consolidated with the supplemental address of the Grand Master, in its entirety, was referred to the appropriate committees for their consideration and action, and published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye reported that the Jurisprudence Committee stated that the committee did review all recommendations being made by the Grand Master and found that Recommendations 1 - 3 are all in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

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"The dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of June of the same year, if not paid by that date."

I further recommend that paragraph two be deleted and replaced with the following"

"On June 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before September 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before September 30, of such year he shall automatically stand suspended for non-payment of dues and an entry thereof shall be made in the minutes of the Lodge at the first subsequent stated meeting. It shall also be the duty of the secretary to notify, in writing, each member automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual."

Following discussion the recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Virgil L. Tubach, 54

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

I would like to thank the Masons of Nebraska for allowing me to be your Grand Secretary for the 1994 Masonic Year. I have enjoyed my association with the Lodges and the membership. It has truly been a memorable year in my masonic life.

This report should really be written by Mrs. Chris Rudder and Mrs. Carol Schroeder, Grand Lodge Office Manager and Administrative Secretary, respectively, who are the two who do the actual work of the Grand Secretary for the Masons of the State of Nebraska, and who do it most proficiently and professionally. The Grand Lodge is fortunate to have two such highly qualified individuals in their employ.

I had the opportunity to attend the Grand Secretaries of North America's annual conference in Crystal City, Virginia (Washington, D.C. area) on February 20-22, 1994 as Nebraska's representative. It was good to renew acquaintance with Grand Secretaries that I had been introduced to in the previous year. Much valuable information is gathered over a cup of coffee when numerous Grand Secretaries are gathered about. I had the pleasure of sitting beside the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England during a morning session and gained much information about the workings of Masonic Lodges in England.

I received an invitation to attend the Northeastern Kansas Masonic Rewards Night March 1, 1994 at Hiawatha. The Lodge room was packed, almost no floor space for movement by the Senior Deacon. Representation by all factions of the Masonic Family were present and the Grand Master of Kansas did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies.

I attended the Scottish Rite Workshop in San Antonio, Texas on March 18, 1994 as the guest of M.:W.: Warren Lichty, Jr. 33° , Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Nebraska, SJ-USA. Some very thoughtful programs and workshop topics were presented by national figures.

I attended the cornerstone ceremonies at North Bend on June 12, Geneva on October 15, and Sidney on November 20, 1994. North Bend was for a new Senior Center, Geneva for a new addition to the City Library, and Sidney for a new addition to the area Community College.

I had the pleasure of attending two Area Educational Meetings: on October 11th I met Grand Master Mattoon in Valentine and on the 26th I accompanied Deputy Grand Master Rittenburg to Norfolk. I strongly recommend the continuation of such meetings around the state.

On December 8th, I was present at the Humanitarian Award presentation in Falls City to worthy Brother Elsworth Abbott by the Grand Master, with numerous other Grand Lodge Officers and their wives present.

Numbers of Lodges 181	Final 1993	Prelim. 1994
Initiated	325	304
Passed	310	311
Raised	313	320
Affiliated	69	65
Dual Membership	45	43
Reinstatements	175	165
Consolidations	40	121
Other	1	1
Total Gains	643	715
Deaths	679	672
Demits	72	80
Suspensions	576	464
Withdrawals	5	6
Consolidations	40	121
Termination of Dual	14	2
Other	3	0
Total Losses	1389	1345
Net Membership Change	-746	-630
Membership 12/31/92	21,953	
Membership 12/31/93	21,207	
Preliminary Membership	12/31/94	20,577

Pins presented in honor of years of service to the Fraternity during this fiscal year are:

293	50 year pins presented
36	60 year pins presented
17	70 year pins presented

May I again thank the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction for electing and allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary. I have enjoyed it and I hope that I have carried out my duties to your satisfaction and for the advancement of this great fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil L. Tubach, Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Augustine S. Scolaro, 3

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The annual report of the Grand Custodian is hereby respectfully and fraternally submitted. To date this year sixty-nine lodges have received their certification of proficiency. As the final reports from the Deputy Grand Custodians come in this number will undoubtedly increase. The lodges that certified this year after a lapse of one or more years were:

Bartley Lodge #228
Friendship Lodge #239

These lodges and their officers' along with their respective Deputy Grand Custodian should be congratulated for making the extra effort required to certify their lodge.

The following lodges have been certified for sixty or more years in succession:

Nebraska Lodge #1 (71)
Plattsmouth Lodge #6 (71)
Fremont Lodge #15 (64)
Lincoln Lodge #19 (60)
Ashlar Lodge #33 (61)
Crete Lodge #37 (62)
Hastings Lodge #50 (71)
Lancaster Lodge #54 (73)
Wahoo Lodge #59 (70)
Hooper Lodge #72 (70)
Utica Lodge #96 (66)
Euclid Lodge #97 (64)
East Lincoln Lodge #210 (61)
North Star Lodge #227 (62)
John J. Mercer Lodge #290 (63)
Craftsmen Lodge #314 (71)
Lebanon Lodge #323 (64)

I congratulate all these lodges and officers in the special effort they set forth in continuing this fine tradition. As of the writing of this report there are 323 certified masons, however this will change as final reports are mailed in.

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

Ray W. Andersen, Victory Lodge #310 (50)
G. Irwin Osterloh, Hooper Lodge #72 (52)
Herbert A. Ronin, East Lincoln Lodge #210 (55)
Francis L. Lehr, George Washington Lodge #250 (55)
Louis V. Sylvester, Florence Lodge #281 (57)
Wamer W. Miller, Victory Lodge #310 (58)

Frank H. Newton, Blue River Lodge #30 (63)

Harry A. Spencer Sr., North Star Lodge #227, Bee Hive Lodge #184 (64)

The following brethren received their original certificates of proficiency. They each deserve special congratulations for their outstanding accomplishment.

Joseph A. McCool, Plattsmouth Lodge #6

Thomas Reed, Omadi Lodge #5

Edwin Weber, Ashlar Lodge #33

James C. Banister, Lancaster Lodge #54

Russell E. Rimovsky, Lancaster Lodge #54

Wayne W. Jarman, Wahoo Lodge #59

Jared A. Ketner, Wahoo Lodge #59

Lyle D. McKlem, Wahoo Lodge #59

Alfred L. Andrews, Geneva Lodge #79

Roy Hart Jr., Bartley Lodge #228

Marty Riggins, Comet Lodge #229

Richard H. Cooper, Mitchell Lodge #263

Jeffrey A. Merriman, Florence Lodge #281

Buster Hicks, Bellevue Lodge #325

Twenty year certificates of merit were issued to the following brethren:

Charles V. Greenfield, Fremont Lodge #15, Waterloo Lodge #102

Floyd Vires, Nelson Lodge #77

Donald W. Stephens, East Lincoln Lodge #210

Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge #221

Warren D. Lichty, Craftsmen Lodge #314

The following brethren completed their 25th year of proficiency:

Darrell D. Christensen, Lancaster Lodge #54, Wymore Lodge #104

Walter E. Kinne, Frank Welch Lodge #75

Gerald R. Brodd, Comet Lodge #229

The following brethren completed their 30th year of proficiency:

Harold Hultman, Papillion Lodge #39

Arthur K. Jacobsen, Papillion Lodge #39

Stevenson P. Brown, North Star Lodge #227

Harry A. Tollander, Florence Lodge #281

Ronald R. King, Victory Lodge #310

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency:

C. Erwin Paulsen, Nebraska Lodge #1

LeRoy C. Sutton, Nebraska Lodge #1

Jerry L. Rittenburg, East Lincoln Lodge #210

Ralph W. Gerry, Florence Lodge #281, Mizpah Lodge #302

Lester W. Aspegren, Mid-West Lodge #317

The following brethren completed their 40th year of proficiency:

- Harold R. Irvin, Capitol Lodge #3
- Wayne G. Lueningborg, Papillion Lodge #39, Platte Valley Lodge #32
- Daniel M. Seibold, Papillion Lodge #39
- Donald R. Swanson, Lancaster Lodge #54
- Dean E. Taylor, Wahoo Lodge #59
- J. Chilton Bryant, Pomegranate Lodge #110
- Irving Feldman, North Star Lodge #227
- Leonard G. Eriksen, George Armstrong Lodge #241
- J. Everett Denton, Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265
- Frank E. Swanson, John J. Mercer Lodge #290
- Lyle L. Short, Liberty Lodge #300
- Sterling E. Burke, Victory Lodge #310
- Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge #317

The following brethren completed their 45th year of proficiency:

- John L. Beckman, Plattsmouth Lodge #6
- Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge #6
- Stanley D. Kully, Ashlar Lodge #33
- Henry L. Rood, Wahoo Lodge #59
- Carl W. Ziegenbein, Pomegranate Lodge #110
- Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge #210
- Clarence A. Wymore, East Lincoln Lodge #210
- Floyd L. Hale, Tekamah Lodge #31
- Ivan D. Anderson, Mizpah Lodge #302

During the year Deputy Grand Custodian, Worshipful Brother Mervin Ransom Sr. of District #19 resigned his commission for personal reasons. As of this writing the active Deputy Grand Custodians are:

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| District #1 | Roy L. Smith |
| District #2 | Herbert M. Chambers |
| District #3 | Halsey D. Phillips |
| District #4 | James E. Cornish |
| District #5 | Ronald D. Grass |
| District #7 | Lloyd F. Vrtiska |
| District #8 | John C. Sierks |
| District #9 | Lloyd I. Edwards |
| District #10 | Steven A. Green |
| District #11 | Eugene C. Sibley |
| District #16 | Lynn Doty |
| District #17 | Victor D. Hunt |
| District #18 | Arthur S. Dye |
| District #20 | Scott J. Krieger |
| District #21 | Wayne E. Beatty |
| District #24 | Delmar Jones |
| District #25 | Richard W. Linnemeyer |
| District #26 | Arthur J. Ferguson |

District #27	Keith Leibhart
District #28	V. Rosenberger
District #29	Leslie A. Evert
District #30	Everett K. Dappen
District #31	John M. Weidner Sr.
District #32	Roger L. Shillington
District #34	Gerald D. Verbeek
District #35	Harold W. Noble
District #36	Don L. Jelinek
District #37	Albert Wise
District #38	Frank R. Harris

These fine men are one of the hardest working group of Masons in the state and deserve the utmost courtesy and respect for their diligence and devotion to duty. They spend many evenings away from home and their families in order to perform their duties. It is indeed a pleasure to work with such a fine group of dedicated brethren. The current list of Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti are:

Louis V. Sylvester
 Sebert A. Stover
 Clifford D. Webster
 Glenn W. Binder
 Curtis J. Griess
 Harold A. Tilton
 Willard I. Lewis Jr.
 Nelson W. Rittenburg
 Herman O. Hansen
 Richard L. Mauch
 Everett K. Dappen
 Frank R. Harris
 Alfred V. Peltzer
 Ben D. Fussell
 A. W. Clark
 Ralph McNulty
 D. Wayne Erickson
 Ralph Gerry (Grand Custodian Emeriti)

This year, I along with the Deputy Grand Custodians of various districts held twenty five schools of instruction. In travelling across the state I find the brethren have a strong interest in the ritual and all are following the same as set by the Committee on Nebraska Work. At this time I would like to thank the Deputy Grand Custodians and Worshipful Masters who made these schools possible.

This year four lodges participated in degree competition, which was held in the Entered Apprentice degree, on Saturday October 29, 1994 at Rob Morris Lodge #46 Kearney, Nebraska. These lodges should be congratulated for their outstanding effort and performance.

In addition to the twenty-five schools of instruction throughout the state a custodial school was held in Grand Island September 23rd and 24th. It was

attended by Deputy Grand Custodians, Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti, Grand Lodge Officers, and several Past Grand Masters. During this school the floor work and all lectures were covered in their entirety. Your Grand Custodian also participated in five cornerstone ceremonies, a humanitarian award and various other functions around the state as well as attending three area educational meetings.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Committee on Nebraska Work this year. They have been very helpful and supportive of the efforts of the Grand Custodian.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Steven F. Mattoon for the opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge as your Grand Custodian this year.

This report is respectfully submitted,
 Fraternally,
 Gus Scolaro
 Grand Custodian

The report of the Grand Custodian as printed was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John VerMaas, 256

The final report of the Appropriations Committee was submitted to the voting delegates of Grand Lodge and adopted by vote of the delegates assembled.

**— REVENUE —
 LODGE INCOME**

2105.000	Dues—Masonic Home	\$42,414.00
2106.000	Dues—Geo Washington Memorial	10,603.00
4100.000	Membership Dues	169,134.00
4175.000	Perpetual Membership Mgt. Fee	500.00
4200.000	Initiation Fees	4,000.00
4300.000	Surety Bond Premium	3,020.00
4350.000	Liability Ins. Premium	11,240.00
4600.000	Reinstatement Fees	2,500.00
	Sub-total	243,411.50 *

SALES INCOME

4400.000	Supplies	14,000.00
4620.400	Banquet Tickets	7,200.00
4625.400	Other Meal Tickets	5,075.00
4630.400	Ladies Luncheon	1,300.00
	Sub-total	25,575.00 *

PARTICIPATORY INCOME

4650.000	NE Masonic Home—Admin Services	10,000.00	
4655.000	NE Masonic Home—Newspaper	12,500.00	
4660.000	OES & Fremont Home—Newspaper	12,000.00	
4670.000	NE Maosnic Foundation	1,200.00	
	Sub-total	35,700.00	*

INVESTMENT INCOME

4700.000	Int & Div—FNB Omaha	68,500.00	
4750.000	Int & Div—FirsTier Lincoln	0	
4800.000	Gain on Sale of Investments	0	
4875.000	Miscellaneous Income	1,500.00	
	Sub-total	70,000.00	*

TOTAL REVENUE	376,686.50
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**—EXPENSES —
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

5xxx.400	Annual Communication	38,365.00	
	Sub-total	38,365.00	*

INSTALLATION

5xxx.425	Grand Lodge Installation	2,800.00	
	Sub-total	2,800.00	*

TRAVEL & RELATED

52xx.000	Office Staff	500.00	
52xx.100	Grand Master	14,150.00	
52xx.150	Deputy Grand Master	4,050.00	
52xx.200	Grand Secretary	1,965.00	
52xx.250	Grand Custodian	2,600.00	
52xx.300	Deputy Grand Custodian	8,950.00	
52xx.350	Other Officers	6,500.00	
	Sub-total	38,715.00	*

SALARIES & RELATED

5310.250	Grand Custodian	6,752.00	
5320.000	Office Staff—Full Time	48,400.00	
5320.100	Grand Master Staff	0	
5330.000	Office Staff—Temporary	5,000.00	
5340.000	FICA Taxes	4,592.00	
5350.000	Federal Unemployment Taxes	221.00	
5360.000	Nebraska Unemployment Taxes	31.00	
5370.000	Employer's Share—401K	3,388.00	
5380.000	Office Staff Training	250.00	
	Sub-total	68,634.00	*

OCCUPANCY & RELATED

5400.000	Office Rent	10,900.00	
5410.000	Utilities	3,000.00	

5412.000	Trash Removal	240.00
5414.000	Building Maintenance	1,000.00
5415.xxx	Telephone	11,675.00
5420.000	Equipment Maintenance	3,250.00
5425.000	Equipment Rental	600.00
5430.000	Equipment Purchase	500.00
5435.xxx	Postage	7,550.00
5440.xxx	Printing & Copying	2,750.00
5445.xxx	Office Supplies	1,800.00
5450.000	Office Maintenance	2,000.00
5455.000	Computer Supplies	1,000.00
5460.000	Computer Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00
5465.000	Computer Software Support	1,750.00
5470.000	Dues & Subscriptions	750.00
5475.000	Publication of NE Masons	33,500.00
5480.000	Bank Service Charges	1,100.00
5485.000	Professional Fees	2,340.00
5490.000	Legal Fees	0
5500.000	Supplies for Lodges—Printed	8,000.00
5505.000	Supplies for Lodges—Other	3,500.00
5505.250	Supplies for Lodges —GC	700.00
5510.000	Supplies for Lodges—Year Pins	3,000.00
5515.000	Publication of Secretary's Desk Book	1,300.00
5525.000	Grand Lodge Jewels, Aprons & Collars	1,750.00
5550.000	Retirement—Carl Greisen	4,650.00
5555.000	Retirement—Alice Lallman	3,360.00
	Sub-total	114,465.00

INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE

5600.000	Worker's Compensation	550.00
5605.000	Grand Lodge Staff Medical	12,600.00
5610.000	Surety Bond	3,200.00
5620.000	Directors & Officers Liability	3,250.00
5625.000	Blanket Liability	10,672.00
5635.000	Office Contents & Equipment	600.00
5650.000	Other General Administrative Expenses	1,500.00
	Sub-total	32,272.00

COMMITTEES

xxxx.010	Jurisprudence Committee	50.00
xxxx.450	Masonic Education	500.00
xxxx.475	Appropriations Committee	0
xxxx.525	Committee on Work	200.00
xxxx.550	Relief	500.00
xxxx.600	Trial Comissions	0
xxxx.625	Grievance Committee	0
xxxx.650	Grand Lodge Offices	200.00
xxxx.675	Finance Committee	50.00
xxxx.700	Public Relations	1,000.00
	Grand Marshal	1,500.00
xxxx.725	Insurance Committee	100.00
xxxx.750	Youth	2,500.00
xxxx.800	Membership	500.00
xxxx.825	General Session & Social	500.00
xxxx.850	Grand Trustees	100.00
xxxx.900	Awards	200.00
xxxx.925	Charters & Dispensations	30.00

xxxx.950	Lodge Advisory	0
xxxx.975	Credentials	0
xxxx.995	Masonic Renewal & Leadership	2,000.00
	Sub-total	10,130.00 *

CONTRIBUTIONS

2105.000	NE Masonic Home Dues	42,414.00
2106.000	Geo Washington Memorial Dues	10,603.50
5800.000	Masonic Service Assoc Dues	1,400.00
5810.000	NE DeMolay Donation	3,500.00
5820.000	MSA Hospital Visitation Fund	2,500.00
5830.000	Other Masonic Promotion	0
5835.000	Masonic Relief Association	350.00
5850.000	Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	10,000.00
	Sub-total	70,767.50
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	TOTAL EXPENSES	376,248.04
	Total Revenue Less Total Expenses	\$438.00

* Denotes Appropriation Item. Other items shown for information purposes only.

REPORT OF NEBRASKA COMMITTEE ON WORK

Immediately following the Grand Lodge Communication in February of 1994, the Committee began work on two important assignments: 1. Completion of the authorized CONTINUOUS FORM FLOORWORK MANUAL 2. Final proofing of a revised CIPHER

Several meetings and much correspondence was necessary from spring to late fall to accomplish these tasks.

The Committee is pleased to report that preparation of the CONTINUOUS FORM FLOORWORK MANUAL as authorized at the 1993 Grand Lodge Communication was completed during 1994 and a copy was mailed to each subordinate Lodge in late November of 1994. Additional copies will be made on a "cost of reproduction" fee basis.

Also, the long and tedious task of proofing the revised CIPHER was completed and this, too, is now available at a cost to be determined by the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

At last year's Communication, the Committee became aware of the effort and expense St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330 had expended in preparing musical tapes for proposed use in our Masonic ritual. As work on the Monitor had been completed and published, it was apparent that inclusion of additional music would present a significant financial expenditure by the Grand Lodge to reprint entirely new revised Monitors. To the credit of St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research, its position on use of its suggested degree music was modified as explained in a letter received from the Lodge by the Committee dated June 7, 1994. A disclaimer was added to the music packaging which

advised users that the music was "not a part of the official work of the Grand Lodge."

With this disclaimer, the Grand Master was advised in writing that the Committee on Nebraska Work took the position that no change in the Monitor was now necessary.

The Committee was represented at the Annual Deputy Grand Custodian School of Instruction held in Grand Island, Nebraska on September 23 and 24, 1994. Degree competition in the Entered Apprentice Degree was held in Kearney, Nebraska on Saturday, October 29, 1994 and the results of the judging were forwarded to the Grand Master shortly thereafter. Time and place of the announcement of the winner will be at the discretion of the Grand Master.

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to several individuals who gave of their time and talents to bring the CONTINUOUS FORM FLOORWORK MANUAL and revised Cipher to fruition as follows: M.: W.: James L. "Sonny" Eatmon, Past Grand Master; M.: W.: John M. McHenry, Past Grand Master; W.: Augustine S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian; W.: Arthur S. Dye, Deputy Grand Custodian and, of course, our Grand Lodge Office Manager, Chris Rudder and her able assistant, Carol.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,
M.: W.: Chas. W. Amidon, PGM, 281/327, Chairman
R.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210, Past Grand Custodian
W.: Eugene C. Sibley, 54 Deputy Custodian

Most Worshipful Charles W. Amidon moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 — Move to add to Section 1-104 the following:

"The counting of these described votes shall be by written ballot only."

The Jurisprudence Committee determined that the resolution was signed by the appropriate number of delegates to Grand Lodge. The proposed resolution is however confusing in stating "counting by written ballot" when it is believed that the signers intended to use the word balloting rather than counting. It is not permissible to change the wording without unanimous consent of Grand Lodge and the Committee, for the benefit of the Committee on Codification of the Law presumes that the intent of the proposed resolution was that all balloting would be by written ballot which would of course require a written ballot on every action taken by Grand Lodge. The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the

resolution is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon called for a signer of Resolution No. 1 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. W.:B.: Dean Taylor of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 spoke as one of the signers, and moved for adoption of Resolution No. 1.

The Grand Master called for discussion on the resolution. Past Grand Master M.:W.: Sonny Eatmon and R.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey, Grand Senior Warden spoke in opposition of the resolution.

A show of hands was called for and the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 2 — PURPOSE: To recognize the Grotto of the Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm of North America and the International Order of High Twelve within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Part Three Discipline: Chapter 1 Masonic Offenses: Section 3-102 (g) now reads:

"Making application to, or joining any lodge, society of institution that shall provide as a condition, precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, or to organizations which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony."

Change Section 3-102 (g), adding "the Grotto of North America and the International Order of High Twelve" so that it now reads:

"Making application to, or joining any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Mater Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, the Grotto of North America, the International Order of High Twelve or to organizations which do not require

the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony."

The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the proposed resolution has the required number of signatures and that it is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication. In accordance with the request of the Grand Master on August 3, 1994, as to whether this Resolution may be separated and a separate ballot taken with reference to the Grotto of North America and a separate ballot with reference to the International Order of High Twelve, the Committee on Jurisprudence advised the Grand Master that it was their opinion that the resolution must be submitted for ballot as written and that a separation of this proposed resolution could not be had without the unanimous consent of Grand Lodge.

Any requests for unanimous consent of Grand Lodge to separate must occur prior to any vote on resolution number two as originally submitted.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon called for a signer of Resolution No. 2 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. When none of the signers came forward Grand Master Mattoon opened the floor for discussion.

W.:B.: Don Monnette of Stella Lodge No. 105 moved for unanimous consent to consider the two organizations separately. The motion was seconded but did not receive unanimous consent.

W.:B.: John Holzhey of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 spoke in favor of the resolution and moved for adoption.

The Grand Master called for discussion on Resolution No. 2. W.:B.: John D. VerMaas of Hickman Lodge No. 256, Past Grand Master M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty and W.:B.: Charles A. Folsom spoke in opposition to the resolution. W.:B.: A. L. "Pepper" Aasgaard and W.:B.: Robert Van Valkenburg spoke in favor of the resolution.

There being no further discussion, a written ballot was called for. Resolution No. 2 had a total of 234 ballots cast — 115 for and 119 against — the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 3 — To amend Bylaws, Part One, Chapter III, Committees, Section 1-304, Jurisprudence, to add the following sentences:

"No less than 15 days before the opening of Grand Lodge the Committee shall serve on the Grand Master, by deposit in first class mail, or by deposit at the Grand Lodge Office, an agenda for its meeting prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Said agenda shall set out with reasonable certainty any questions the committee expects to raise relative to the recommendations of the Grand Master or his decisions rendered during his term."

The Jurisprudence Committee determined that the Resolution is signed by the requisite number of signers and is in proper form to be submitted for vote.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon called for a signer of Resolution No. 3 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. W.:B.: Bruce Curtiss of Plainview Lodge No. 204 spoke as one of the signers, and moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3.

There being no further discussion, a written ballot was called for. Resolution No. 3 had a total of 236 ballots cast — 166 for and 70 against — the resolution passed.

Resolution No. 4 — WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to restrict service in all elected and appointed positions within Grand Lodge to only those who are members in good standing in one or more subordinate lodges of Nebraska, and who maintain legal voting residence within the geographic boundaries of this grand jurisdiction,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Article VI. Eligibility, of the Constitution and Chapter III. Committees, of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska be amended to include the following language.

"No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to serve, or shall be allowed to continue to serve in any, office or on any committee of the Grand Lodge who ceases to be a member in good standing of a subordinate lodge and who does not maintain his legal residence within the State of Nebraska."

The Jurisprudence Committee found that said Resolution contains the requisite number of signers but attempts, however, to amend both the Constitution and Bylaws in the same Amendment. It is the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence that this is not permissible as each requires a separate procedure. Amending the Constitution requires submission to subordinate Lodges for their approval or rejection in accordance with Article XIII of the Constitution. The proposed amendment attempts to change the provisions of Article II, Article V, and Article VI of the Constitution as well as Chapter III of the Bylaws of Grand Lodge. The Resolution itself states "Now therefor be it resolved, Article VI. Eligibility, of the Constitution and Chapter III Committees, of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska be amended to include the following language". Amendments to the Bylaws procedure as set forth in Section 1-502 of the Bylaws and the procedure for amending the Constitution require different procedures and can not be combined in one resolution. It is therefore the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence that Resolution Number Four is not in proper form and cannot be submitted for ballot at this Annual Communication.

Resolution No. 5 — WHEREAS, it is not in the best interest of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to maintain any provision in its Bylaws which

would allow one member to obstruct the orderly and timely conduct of its business,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That portion of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska which now reads:

"Section 1-502 -- Amendments -- These Bylaws or any of them may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge, only in one of the following two manners. A proposed amendment may be made by the members of Grand Lodge as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment by the membership shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by five or more members. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lie over until the next Regular communication, provided, however, that if unanimous consent is given by the Grand Lodge, a proposed amendment may be considered and be acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced.

Be amended to read:

"These Bylaws or any of them, may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge, only in one of the following two manners. A proposed amendment may be made by the members of Grand Lodge as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment by the membership shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by five or more members. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lie over until the next Regular communication, provided, however, if consent is given by two-thirds of those present and qualified to vote, a proposed amendment may be considered and be acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced."

The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the requisite number of signatures are present and that Resolution Number Five is in proper form to be submitted and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon called for a signer of Resolution No. 5 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. When none of the signers came forward Grand Master Mattoon opened the floor for discussion.

Past Grand Master M.:W.: Sonny Eatmon, Past Grand Master M.:W.: Donald Swanson and Past Grand Master M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer spoke in opposition to the resolution. W.:B.: Robert Van Valkenburg spoke in favor of the resolution.

A show of hands was called for and the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 6 — To amend Bylaws Part One, Chapter III Committees, Section 1-301 by adding the following sentences to the second paragraph of said Section 1-301:

"To avoid conflicts of interest in the actions, and review of actions, of certain standing committees, and to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, no member shall serve on more than one of the following five committees: (1) Finance; (2) Appropriations; (3) Nebraska Work; (4) Grand Lodge Offices; and (5) Jurisprudence. Any member serving on more than one such committee, or appointed to a second such committee, shall elect which committee to serve and shall by said election resign from any other of said five committees."

The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the requisite number of signatures appears on said proposed resolution and that it is in proper form to be submitted for ballot at this Annual Communication.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon called for a signer of Resolution No. 6 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. W.:B.: Bruce Curtiss of Plainview Lodge No. 204 spoke as one of the signers, and moved for adoption of Resolution No. 6.

The Grand Master called for discussion on the resolution. W.:B.: Gene Sibley of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and W.:B.: Ronald D. Grass of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 spoke in opposition of the resolution.

A show of hands was called for and the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 7 — To create a new Bylaws Section in Part One, Chapter III as Section 1-321 (or other appropriate numbers) as follows:

"1-321 Standing Committees - Limitation of term. No member of a Standing Committee may serve more than two consecutive full terms on any Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge."

The Committee finds that the proposed resolution carries the requisite number of signers. The proposed resolution however provides that the new Bylaw shall become effective upon passage, thus eliminating the necessity of the Bylaw going to the Committee on Codification of the Law as required by that section of our current Bylaws (Section 1-315). This provision of our Bylaws provides that the Committee on Codification shall digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge: and after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, it shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same Communication. The approved report of this Committee shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by Grand Lodge. Rather than to find the proposed Resolution in improper form and in order to allow a vote at this 138th Annual Communication; the Committee on Jurisprudence advises that the resolution, prior to its effectiveness, if passed, must comply with current law and be submitted to the

Committee on Codification of the Law and the favorable approval of that report before the resolution shall become law. With this advisory, we find that a vote can be taken with reference to Resolution Number Seven at this 138th Annual Communication.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon called for a signer of Resolution No. 5 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. When none of the signers came forward Grand Master Mattoon opened the floor for discussion.

Past Grand Master M.:W.: John McHenry, W.:B.: Don Monnette and W.:B.: Bruce Curtiss spoke in opposition of the resolution.

A show of hands was called for and the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 8 — WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to give as many qualified Past Worshipful Masters of subordinate lodges opportunities to serve in elected and appointed positions of the Grand Lodge;

WHEREAS, Limiting terms of service on the Jurisprudence Committee to a maximum of three consecutive one year terms rather than the current five year terms, will accomplish the aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS, The Jurisprudence Committee should be advisory only the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, its reports, rulings and opinions not necessarily being binding upon either the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska which now reads:

Section 1-304 - Jurisprudence - This committee shall consist of five Past Grand Masters. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by its members to serve for a one year term. The members of the initial, five member committee shall be two Past Grand Masters selected by all the Past Grand Masters in attendance at the Regular Communication in which this section becomes effective, with one member serving for a one year term and one serving for a two year term; two Past Grand Masters, appointed by the Grand Master, with one serving for a three year term and one for a four year term; and one Past Grand Master selected by the first four members, who will serve for a five year term. Thereafter, the Grand Master shall annually appoint one member to the committee to serve for a term of five years. In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall immediately fill the vacancy with such appointee serving the unexpired term of the original appointment.

The committee shall be advisory to the Grand Master. The committee shall determine matters of Masonic law which is referred to it by the Grand Master, and shall make its report to the Grand Lodge. The decisions of the committee on Masonic law shall be conclusive except

as finally determined by a majority vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge.

Be amended to read:

Section 1-304 - Jurisprudence -- This committee shall consist of five members, each to serve for one year. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by its members to serve for a one year term. The members of the five member committee shall consist of two Past Grand Masters elected by the Grand Lodge from a slate comprised of the most recent five Past Grand Masters at the time this section becomes effective and three Past Masters from a slate of ten Past Masters nominated by the Grand Master. The two Past Grand Masters and three Past Masters receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. Each year thereafter the slate of Past Grand Masters shall be comprised as before, but with this addition, the names of the two Past Grand Masters serving on the committee shall be added.

In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall immediately fill the vacancy with such appointee serving the unexpired term of the original appointment.

Every member of the committee shall be limited to a maximum of three consecutive one year terms.

The committee shall be advisory only to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge when in session. All committee opinions on Masonic law and matters relating thereto referred to it shall be made in writing. The committee shall annually make a report to the Grand Lodge which includes all such opinions. All decisions of the committee on Masonic law shall only be conclusive when ratified by a majority vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Upon passage of the above, all seats on the Jurisprudence Committee shall become and be vacant and the successors to those then serving shall be filled in accordance with the aforesaid Bylaws as amended.

The Jurisprudence Committee determined that the resolution is signed by the requisite number of signers and is in proper form to be submitted for vote.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mattoon called for a signer of Resolution No. 8 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. W.:B.: Bruce Curtiss of Plainview Lodge No. 204 spoke as one of the signers, and moved for adoption of Resolution No. 8.

The Grand Master called for discussion on the resolution. Ed Reed of Western Star Lodge No. 2 and W.: Phil Lorenzen, Grand Orator spoke in opposition of the resolution.

A show of hands was called for and the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 9 — WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to take advantage of the years of experience and service of Past Worshipful Masters of its several subordinate lodges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, These portion of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska which now reads:

Section 1-102 Chartered Subordinate Lodges -- How Represented. Each chartered subordinate lodge shall be represented at the communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens, or by their proxies thereunto appointed. Each subordinate lodge shall have three votes in the Grand Lodge, which may be cast by the representatives present.

Section 1-104 -- Votes in Grand Lodge Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A majority of votes cast shall determine all questions, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.

Be amended to read:

Section 1-102 Chartered Subordinate Lodges -- How Represented. Each chartered subordinate lodge shall be represented at the communication of the Grand Lodge by its Master, Wardens and Past Masters, or by their proxies thereunto appointed. Each subordinate lodge shall have a minimum of three votes in the Grand Lodge, however, Past Masters in good standing of every subordinate lodge shall be members of Grand Lodge, have one vote for each full year of service as Worshipful Master of a lodge, in addition to any other votes to which he may be entitled as a Master or Warden.

Section 1-104 -- Votes in Grand Lodge Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A majority of votes cast shall determine all questions, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.

The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the requisite number of signers have signed the proposed resolution, but that the proposed resolution is in violation of the Constitution of Grand Lodge which no Bylaw can change. Article II of the Constitution provides who shall be members of the Grand Lodge. Past Masters are not members of the Grand Lodge unless they are specifically

included in Article II of the Constitution. Resolution Nine is therefore not in proper form and cannot be submitted for vote.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Harry A. Spencer, 227 & 184

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 1995, by Chairman Harry A. Spencer, with the following members present: Robert A. Metcalf, Jack H. Hendrix, John M. McHenry, Thomas W. Tye. Also in attendance were all Grand Lodge Officers as well as Past Grand Masters James N. DeMoss and Charles W. Amidon.

Everyone present was welcomed by Chairman Spencer and invited to participate in the proceedings of the Jurisprudence Committee with the right to ask questions and participate in every way in the discussions, actions, and proceedings of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Chairman Spencer appointed Thomas W. Tye as Secretary for the Committee for the purposes of this meeting and asked that Brother Tye present the report on the floor of Grand Lodge on his behalf.

1. A report of the Committee on Business and Rules was received and reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee. The business of the 138th Annual Communication will be governed by the rules therein set forth. The Committee found the report and rules to be in proper form, and approved the report without change.
2. The committee reviewed all recommendations being made by the Grand Master and found that Recommendations, One, Two, and Three are all in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.
3. The Jurisprudence Committee then began it's review of the Resolutions which were presented at the close of the 137th Annual Communication. There were nine separate proposals submitted to the Grand Secretary prior to the close of the 137th Annual Communication. In accordance with a request by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers dated August 3, 1994 directed to the Jurisprudence Committee, a specific review was held with reference to each proposal and opinions rendered to the Grand Master on August 24, 1994 as well as November 10, 1994. A complete review of those recommendations were considered at this time by the Committee on Jurisprudence and separate discussions held with reference to each proposal and determinations with reference thereto as follows:

Resolution No. 1 —

"The counting of these described votes shall be by written ballot only" (Section 1-104). The Committee determined that the resolution was signed by the appropriate number of delegates to Grand Lodge. The proposed resolution is however confusing in stating "counting by written ballot" when it is believed that the signers intended to use the word balloting rather than counting. It is not permissible to change the

wording without unanimous consent of Grand Lodge and the Committee, for the benefit of the Committee on Codification of the Law presumes that the intent of the proposed resolution was that all balloting would be by written ballot which would of course require a written ballot on every action taken by Grand Lodge. The Committee on

Jurisprudence finds that the resolution is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

Resolution No. 2 —

Dealing with the recognition of Grotto of North America and the International Order of High Twelve. The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the proposed resolution has the required number of signatures and that it is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication. In accordance with the request of the Grand master on August 3, 1994, as to whether this Resolution may be separated and a separate ballot taken with reference to the Grotto of North America and a separate ballot with reference to the International Order of High Twelve, the Committee on Jurisprudence advised the Grand Master that it was their opinion that the resolution must be submitted for ballot as written and that a separation of this proposed resolution could not be had without the unanimous consent of Grand Lodge.

Any requests for unanimous consent of Grand Lodge to separate must occur prior to any vote on resolution number two as originally submitted.

Resolution No. 3 —

Pertaining to the submission of an Agenda by the Jurisprudence Committee. The Jurisprudence Committee determined that the Resolution is signed by the requisite number of signers and is in proper form to be submitted for vote.

Resolution No. 4 —

Pertaining to qualification of individuals to hold office or act upon any Committee. The Jurisprudence Committee found that said Resolution contains the requisite number of signers but attempts, however, to amend both the Constitution and Bylaws in the same Amendment. It is the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence that this is not permissible as each requires a separate procedure. Amending the Constitution requires submission to subordinate Lodges for their approval or rejection in accordance with Article XIII of the Constitution. The proposed amendment attempts to change the provisions of Article II, Article V, and Article VI of the Constitution as well as Chapter III of the Bylaws of Grand Lodge. The Resolution itself states "Now therefor be it resolved, Article VI. Eligibility, of the Constitution and Chapter III Committees, of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska be amended to include the following language". Amendments to the Bylaws procedure as set forth in Section 1-502 of

the Bylaws and the procedure for amending the Constitution require different procedures and can not be combined in one resolution. It is therefore the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence that Resolution Number Four is not in proper form and cannot be submitted for ballot at this Annual Communication.

Resolution No. 5 —

Amending the Bylaws (1-502). The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the requisite number of signatures are present and that Resolution Number Five is in proper form to be submitted and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

Resolution No. 6 —

Amending Section 1-301 of Chapter III to restrict service on certain standing committees. The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the requisite number of signatures appears on said proposed resolution and that it is in proper form to be submitted for ballot at this Annual Communication.

Resolution No. 7 —

Jurisprudence Committee, Past Masters as members - elected. The Committee finds that the proposed resolution carries the requisite number of signers. The proposed resolution however provides that the new Bylaw shall become effective upon passage, thus eliminating the necessity of the Bylaw going to the Committee on Codification of the Law as required by that section of our current Bylaws (Section 1-315). This provision of our Bylaws provides that the Committee on Codification shall digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge: and after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, it shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same Communication. The approved report of this Committee shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by Grand Lodge. Rather than to find the proposed Resolution in improper form and in order to allow a vote at this 138th Annual Communication; the Committee on Jurisprudence advises that the resolution, prior to its effectiveness, if passed, must comply with current law and be submitted to the Committee on Codification of the Law and the favorable approval of that report before the resolution shall become law. With this advisory, we find that a vote can be taken with reference to Resolution Number Seven at this 138th Annual Communication.

Resolution No. 8 —

Limiting terms of members of standing committees. The Jurisprudence Committee determined that the resolution is signed by the requisite number of signers and is in proper form to be submitted for vote.

Resolution No. 9 —

Past Masters as members of Grand Lodge. The Committee on Jurisprudence finds that the requisite number of signers have signed the proposed resolution, but that the proposed resolution is in violation of the Constitution of Grand Lodge which no Bylaw can change. Article II of the Constitution provides who shall be members of the Grand Lodge. Past Masters are not members of the Grand Lodge unless they are specifically included in Article II of the Constitution. Resolution Nine is therefore not in proper form and cannot be submitted for vote.

A review was then made of the Grand Master's permissions, dispensations, and decisions as submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence in accordance with the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge. The Committee unanimously approved all of the Grand Master's permissions, dispensations, and decisions as set forth in his address. The Committee took particular note of the fact that Grand Master Mattoon did, on several occasions throughout his year of office, request opinions of your Committee on Jurisprudence and that we were most pleased and happy to convene, study, and advise our Grand Master and his officers with reference to those matters referred throughout the past year. The Committee commends Most Worshipful Brother Steven F. Mattoon on his year as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and continues to offer its aid and assistance whenever requested and does congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Mattoon on a very successful Grand Lodge year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

Thomas W. Tye moved for adoption of the Jurisprudence Committee report. The report was adopted by the delegates assembled.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, Chairman
Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135
James Ross, 82

During this year we received requests from the Grande Loja do Estado do Rio Grande do Norte of Brazil, Grande Loja Maconica do Estado de Rondonia, Grande Loja Regular de Portugal, Grande Loge du Senegal, Grande Oriente do Brasil, and Grande Loge Nationale Togolaise. The committee recommends recognition of the Grande Loja do Estado do Rio Grande do Norte of Brazil, Grande Loja Maconica do Estado de Rondonia Grande Loja Regular de Portugal, and Grande Loge du Senegal. The cross recognition is to become effective upon ratification by both Grand Lodges. Recently we received a request from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts requesting

recognition and visitation between Grand Lodges. The committee recommends full recognition of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on the same basis that we recognize any other Grand Lodge. The committee further requests the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts grant full recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The cross recognition is to become effective upon ratification by both Grand Lodges.

The committee defers action on Grande Oriente do Brasil and Grande Loge Nationale Togolaise until we receive a report on their regularity and jurisdictional limits.

As a carry-over from last year, the committee has not acted on the request from the Grand Lodge of France for recognition. We presently recognize the French National Grand Lodge, and the committee has agreed to continue to defer action on recognition of the Grand Lodge of France pending the resolution of the question as to their regularity. No further information has been received to modify our decision. We expect a report from the Commission on Recognition for the Conference of Grand Masters before proceeding.

Full recognition of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut has been accomplished with unanimous approval of cross recognition at their 121st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut held October 7-9, 1994.

As always, the Grand Representatives of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions are urged to communicate with their counterparts; and, if possible, make arrangements to visit the jurisdictions they represent.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

A motion was made by Larry Zwart for adoption of the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations. The report was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

Grand Master Mattoon thanked Brother Zwart for his many years as Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, noting that he has done an excellent job.



The Deputy Grand Master then entertained a motion that the following reports, as printed and distributed to the delegates, be accepted without reading, and printed in the proceedings:

- Insurance Review
- Report of the Board of Grand Trustees
- Committee on Masonic Relief
- Masonic Education Committee
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Grand Lodge Offices
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee

- Committee on Public Relations
- Grand Lodge Membership Committee
- Grand Lodge Youth Committee
- Committee on Grievances
- Lodge Advisory
- Religion and Freemasonry
- Awards Committee
- Masonic-Eastern Star Home For Children
- Nebraska Masonic Home

Motion was seconded and passed.

INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael E. Jones, 51, 173

Correspondence regarding clarification of some legal questions related to the structure of the various Masonic bodies was shared this year. As finalization of those questions is reached, progress can again proceed in developing a comprehensive program of coverages.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1

The primary responsibility of the Grand Trustees is the management of the investment funds of the Grand Lodge and the annual selection of auditors to examine the financial records of the Grand Lodge.

Again this year, the audit was performed by Dana F. Cole & Company.

As explained before, the Grand Lodge investment funds are handled in two separate accounts — the Grand Lodge General (or unrestricted) Fund and the Restricted (or special) Fund. The latter encompasses the Stephen C. Houghton Fund and the Emick Scholarship Fund as well as the Perpetual Membership Fund. A record of the separate interests of the various contributing entities is kept by the Grand Lodge Office.

In the tables below the figures for 1994 are from the auditors preliminary, yet-to-be-finalized, report.

Grand Lodge General Fund

Year Ended	12/31/94	12/31/93	12/31/92	12/31/91
Total Revenues	\$375,007	\$397,247	\$336,667	\$358,434
Total Expenses	355,073	353,302	388,272	405,922
Operating Income				
<Deficit>	19,134	43,945	<51,605>	<47,488>
Fund Equity	1,270,369	1,221,174	1,177,210	1,226,235

Operating income, although less than in 1993, was again positive. That it was down compared to 1993 was due more to less income, down \$22,240 or 5.6%, than to higher expenses, which were up only \$1,771 or 0.5%.

The two largest decreases in income were membership dues and investment income. Last year we explained that investment income would decline as we shifted assets to more growth oriented investments. The low point of this current income effect of this policy likely will have been 1994. The decline in dues received is a result of the continuing decline of membership.

Restricted Funds

These funds include the Emick Scholarship Fund and the Stephen C. Houghton Fund, and the Disaster Relief Fund. These funds are invested in both common stocks and bonds.

Year Ended	12/31/94	12/31/93	12/31/92	12/31/91
Investment Income	\$27,228	\$23,980	\$24,453	\$25,836
Disbursements	30,977	23,030	13,488	8,219
Fund Balance (at cost)	452,100	456,120	398,992	384,230

Endowment Funds (the Perpetual Membership Fund)

Year Ended	12/31/94	12/31/93	12/31/92	12/31/91
New Membership	\$28,250	\$27,735	\$38,830	\$36,660
Investment Income	10,889	9,339	7,284	5,629
Disbursements	8,725	8,985	5,135	3,232
Fund Balance (at cost)	206,220	176,547	147,942	108,021

The Audit report for the Grand Lodge for this year ended 12/31/94 will be on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Grand Trustees

By: Frank Lawson, Chairman

MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

Gerald D. Verbeek, 15

Your committee on Masonic Relief considered five requests for assistance during this Masonic Year. Two of the five requests were in process at the time of the 137th Annual Communication. Of those two requests, one was approved.

One request for assistance during this Masonic Year is still being processed due to the need for more detailed information. This year to date, \$4,500.00 was granted to Auburn Lodge #124, \$7,000.00 to Parian Lodge #207, and \$3,900.00 to Peru Lodge #14, for a total of \$15,400.00. The funds dispersed this year are from the disaster relief funds received during the 1993 Masonic Year.

Respectfully submitted:
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, Chairman
Gary L. Martin, 46 & 293
Jerry Sievers, 256
Ron Osborne, 256
James W. Keebaugh, 183

MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

James F. Brown, Jr., 54, Chairman

John Dewey, an American philosopher and educator once said:

"I believe that:

--education is a process of living and not a preparation for future living.

--education is the fundamental method of social progress and reform.

--all education proceeds by the participation of the individual in the social consciousness of the race.

--education is a regulation of the process of coming to share in the social consciousness."

These thoughts should guide the life of every mason. If you believe and practice the principles of Masonry, the society in which we live will progress and the social consciousness of our society will be raised because we as individual Masons lived an exemplary life and actively participated in all aspects of our communities.

Every lodge should have an education program which promotes the development and education of Masons so they can satisfy the previous charge. If a Masonic education program does not exist in your lodge, the members of the committee stand ready to assist you with the development of such a program. A call to the chairman of the committee or to the Grand Lodge is all that is required. During the past year, several Masonic education lessons were distributed to the Master or Secretary of each lodge in Nebraska. We intend to continue this practice and have established a goal of distributing a monthly lesson during the 1995 year.

If we educate our members, Masonry will prosper. The members of the committee deem it a privilege to serve our brothers and stand ready to assist you in your needs.

Respectfully submitted,
James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Abbot George Burke
Father Arsenios Coolik
John Weidner, Sr.
Wayne G. Luennenborg
Dennis Brydl

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thomas W. Tye, PGM, 46, Chairman

V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317

David L. Knutson, 302

James Allen, 210

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327

The Committee on Finance met several times throughout 1994 and early in 1995 in order to perform the duties as outlined in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of Grand Lodge. At each of these meetings, the following audit procedure was followed:

1. A comparison of the canceled checks to the check register, as well as examination of endorsements.
2. Examination of support documents for disbursements and review of accounts to which the disbursements were charged selecting all items over \$500 and every fifth disbursement at random.
3. Review and reconciliation of bank statements.
4. Review of all income items and lodge assessments.
5. Review of the financial statements.

Total revenues for the year 1994 were \$374,128.97. The 1994 budget revenue estimate was \$375,069.00, indicating that our actual revenues were \$940.03 less than anticipated. Overall, actual total revenues were very close to anticipated revenue as set forth in the 1994 budget, less than \$1,000.00 different. Our budgeting process is getting better and is very accurate.

Some specific line item expenditures were exceeded. However, in all cases except one, the category appropriations were not exceeded. Annual communication expenditures were approximately \$900.00 under budget in spite of a contract problem with the Cornhusker Hotel in which the Grand Lodge was subject to a \$5,000.00 penalty provision. Thanks to the Hotel and your Committee a reasonable settlement was reached, paid to everyone's satisfaction, and we were able to stay under budget in this category. Installation expenses were approximately \$450.00 under budget. Travel and Related expenses were

\$11,164.99 under budget. Salaries and Related expenses were approximately \$1,730.00 under budget. Occupancy and Related expenses were \$7,892.69 under budget in spite of some unexpected equipment and office maintenance expenses. Postage expense will definitely go up in 1995 as all rates were increased as of January 1st. Insurance and Administrative expenses is the only category that exceeded budget. You will note that insurance costs in ALL areas went up higher than the appropriations committee anticipated by \$1,761.14. This will be addressed by the Committee on Appropriations and the Grand Lodge Officers to authorize the added expense but attention to this ever increasing cost should be kept in mind when the 1995 budget is under consideration. Committee expenditures were under budget by \$4,168.37. Note should be taken of our Contributions which were within budget, totalling \$63,332.18. The 1994 budget anticipated an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$11.46. In actuality, your 1994 Officers were under budget by \$23,994.42. Hopefully, some accumulation can be continued for replacement of equipment which is always a continuing problem.

The Members of the Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for all expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and were able to complete their audit procedures as herein above referred to with the fine aid and assistance of the Office Manager and Staff of the Grand Lodge Office. Again, particular note should be made that ALL expenditures for travel and related expenses of your Grand Lodge Officers are fully documented and accounted for with all receipts verifying those expenditures to the satisfaction of your committee. We hope that the work of this committee not only satisfies the membership as to the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and its Office Manager, but that it is of some help to the professional paid auditors who examine all books and records of the Grand Lodge and verify their accuracy in a published audit each year, received by your committee and the Grand Lodge Officers upon completion of their yearly audit. That written report with any recommendations of the auditors is usually received by Grand Lodge in March or April following the close of the calendar year and is on file in the Grand Lodge Office. If you have not examined the proceedings of the 137th Annual Communication, please note that the Auditors report of the Investments is set forth on pages 170 and 171. A copy of the auditors report as to the receipts and expenditures could be similarly set forth if you so desire.

Your Committee Chairman does very much appreciate the hard work, time, and effort of the members of this committee who were in attendance at the long sessions to do our best to audit the books as we knew how. Having chaired this committee now for five years your chairman is looking forward to a rest from this position with the great hope and anticipation that soon to be Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg will appoint someone younger, more energetic, and closer to the Grand Lodge Office to this committee. We all thank you and the Officers for the opportunity to have served our Great Fraternity, and we hope we have completed our task to your satisfaction.

Fraternally,
Thomas W. Tye, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICES

Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210, Deputy Grand Master

To: M.: W.: Grand Master and all Members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska,
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

This has been a very busy year for this committee.

On or about the first of June, we received notice that the building containing our offices had been sold and that we should vacate the premises by the end of August. This necessitated several meetings of this committee, along with many phone calls among the committee members.

Our office manager, Mrs. Chris Rudder, spent many hours looking for and at possible office space. Several sites were examined and found either too expensive or for other reasons not suitable space for our purposes. Mrs. Rudder found the office space at 1530 South Street in Lincoln. The members of this committee examined the space and with certain renovations to be made by the owners, agreed on the conditions of the lease. With the approval of the Grand Master, the Chairman of this committee signed the same on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The new office space was renovated to the point of being usable and we moved the office August 13 and 14, 1994. Several things were not completed when we moved and caused the office to function in a limited capacity for the next few days. Both the office manager, Mrs. Chris Rudder and the Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Carol Schroeder deserve a lot of credit for their patience and perseverance during this period. The office is now complete and should be a very functional facility for the next several years.

Cross training of the office staff has continued, time permitting, during the year. During the absence of the office manager, Mrs. Carol Schroeder, the administrative secretary, handled every question in a very professional manner. Cross training is and will continue to be a very high priority for our staff.

This committee approves and recommends that the mileage paid to the Deputy Grand Custodians either by the subordinate lodge or the Grand Lodge be increased from \$0.20 per mile to \$0.25 per mile.

Due to Grand Lodge budget constraints this committee sets the mileage to be paid for those attending Grand Lodge and entitled to mileage at \$0.00.

I wish to thank Most Worshipful Steve Mattoon for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

This report is submitted in the hope that it meets with the approval of Most Worshipful Steve Mattoon and the brethren of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Warren D. Lichty, 314

The leadership which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska displayed in being the first Grand Jurisdiction to enact a per-capita amount to support the Memorial is still bearing fruit. After Nebraska, as reported last year, Delaware, Vermont, New Jersey and Missouri passed similar per-capita support. Since then, Ohio has followed suit. It is likely that one or more additional Grand Lodges will take similar action at their next Grand Session.

This, plus success with some money-raising projects such as the Grandfather Clock, a label card program which was run in several states which have not passed a per-capita and the Mount Vernon Christmas tree ornament have helped to provide funds which allow us to go forward with restoration and repair projects which never seem to end. When we look at all the big ticket items which have to be done, we are especially grateful to those Grand Lodges which have picked up their share of the burden and to those Brothers who have contributed by making a purchase or otherwise contributing.

We hope a lot of you responded to the Christmas tree ornament offer. Both ornaments are truly beautiful and very much display Masonry. It is a pleasure to see them on the tree. One of them is a golden square and compass and the other depicts George Washington laying the first cornerstone of the National Capitol.

With a little increase in cash flow, we are able to begin doing some projects. In the last year, we were able to do quite a bit of plaster repair and painting, install a donation display at the portico, trim trees and install a new floodlight on one parking lot. One other big accomplishment was to create a new 15 minute videocassette of the Memorial.

Projects planned for next year include replacing the sidewalk up the hill to the front entrance to the Memorial, completing better lighting for the parking lots, installing a fire alarm/detection system and air conditioning the dining room. A very large project which is just under way is compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. In a monumental building such as this, it is a great undertaking.

These projects are reported to you with gratitude because Nebraska has done its part in helping to provide the funds to make it possible to begin such programs.

Respectfully submitted:
Major Charles A. Folsom, 15
Orval Cooley, 323
Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327

Your Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee continues to seek ways and means to help promote Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction. The Committee also works to address matters relating to the regular publication of the Nebraska Mason. The commendable efforts of Committee member Russ Reno focus on preparation and distribution of appropriate press releases on Grand Lodge activities and the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. Russ also maintains forms for distribution through the Grand Lodge Office for the use of subordinate Lodges in finding easy ways to encourage creation of the distribution to local newspapers of news stories telling of local Lodge activities.

While the Public Relations Committee can take no credit for the work of the several appendant Masonic Bodies in promoting Masonry, it seems appropriate to this Committee to call particular attention to and commend the efforts of the leadership and members of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Shrine Temples in this Grand Jurisdiction in their sponsorship and financial support of Friendship events and other activities all designed to encourage new membership in the Masonic Fraternity. The Public Relations Committee on behalf of the Grand Lodge APPLAUDS your efforts.

Lastly, the Committee reminds each and every Mason that as Masons, we have an ongoing individual responsibility as a committee of one to do all we can to build public relations for our Masonic Fraternity.

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman
 Donald W. Bryant, 210
 Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
 Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173
 Russell Reno, 297

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Scott J. Krieger, 317, Chairman

The membership committee continued the policy of presenting a Masonic pin to each newly raised Master Mason across the state. We hope to increase the visibility of members within their communities, thus helping to produce interest in our organization.

The Masonic Renewal Task Force video package has not been used by our lodges for the recruitment of new members to the extent we had hoped. We need to again let each lodge know the package is available from the Grand Lodge office for their use when planning recruitment activities.

The Grand Master is also continuing to recognize the top 25 brethren who have contributed the most toward recruitment. We hope this will encourage more members to work on membership, and with a new type of award presented this year, it may just be the incentive some of our members need.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

Ivan Vrtiska, 327

What is the future of our Masonic family? Yes we adults are important, however our youth are critical to our survival and we must continue to do everything we can to promote the growth and activities of our youth organizations. They need our support and we need to experience the enthusiasm of those younger than most of us.

Our committee continues to field concerns about the barriers our adult bodies build to our future. Instead of barriers and criticisms of our youth, we need to build bridges of strength for our family. We should ask what we can do to make our youth groups stronger, fortunately many of you do extend beyond yourselves to envision our future. A big THANK YOU to all those concerned and dedicated family members.

As in the past, we continue to offer scholarships to outstanding members of our three Masonic Youth Organizations. This year each scholarship was \$750. The scholarships were presented by our Grand Lodge Officers at the annual meetings of each youth group. Each applicant is required to prepare a brief essay, "How my Youth Organization has Prepared Me for My Continuing Education." As evidenced by their writings, the youth do appreciate and benefit greatly from their involvement in our Masonic Family and will undoubtedly continue their Masonic commitment.

This year nineteen applications were received from Job's Daughters, six from the Order of Rainbow and four from the Order of DeMolay. The quality of the applications received makes it extremely difficult to select only one winner from each organization but it makes us extremely proud of our youth. Many of our youth were listed in the World Herald's All-State Academics.

The scholarship to the International Order of Job's Daughters was presented to Janice Christine Haack of Bethel #69, Omaha, Nebraska. Janice has been active in her Bethel for over seven years; has held fifteen different offices including Honored Queen; chaired many committees; participated in seven Grand Sessions and three Supreme Sessions. She is very active in ritualistic work, having won several first places in competitions at both Supreme and Grand Sessions. She does not limit her talents to Job's Daughters but shares them with her school, cheerleading, church and community. She has been active in the National Honor Society, Junior Achievement, National Council on Youth Leadership, French Club, Youth Deacon, DeMolay Sweetheart, Students for Environmental Awareness and traveled in France; all while holding a part time job and maintaining a GPA of 4.17. Her letters of recommendation describe her as talented, active, conscientious, enthusiastic, strong leader, and involved. She plans to pursue Occupational Therapy at Rockhurst College.

The scholarship recipient for the International Order of Rainbow was Amy Elizabeth Paschold of Lincoln Assembly #6, Lincoln, Nebraska. Amy has held many offices including Worthy Advisor within her Assembly. Being chairman and serving on many committees and participating in most all activities of her

Assembly has kept her very active during her membership. Activities within her church, school, sports, and community fill all her time. Amy is almost a full time volunteer--Nebraska Council of Youth, Girl Scouts, Gathering Place, Lincoln's Children's Museum, Red Cross, plus school--Leadership Development Project, ESL Friends Club, French Club, Rainbow Club, Vice President of Human Resources, Corporate Secretary of Applied Economics, plus planning, writing, and directing her church program. Letters of recommendation state that she is an excellent ritualist, cheerful, enjoyable to work with, creative, a leader, unselfish, dedicated, confident, excellent student, and is sharing and caring. Amy has a GPA of 3.98 and plans to attend UNL majoring in Social Sciences.

The scholarship for the Order of DeMolay was presented to Andrew Albert Schadwinkel, Alliance Chapter, Alliance, Nebraska. Andrew has served his chapter in numerous offices including Master Councilor. He has been extremely active on many committees and activities within his chapter in addition to participating in numerous state activities. He is also very active in his school, church and community. Sports play an important role in his life. Those who know Andy say he is a leader, outstanding, quiet, logical, a ritualist, scholar, tireless worker, organized, considerate, serious, dedicated, capable, creative and competent. Andy has a GPA of 4.9 on a 5.0 scale. He plans to attend Hastings College or UNL majoring in Advertising/Mass Communications.

Last year we again invited the youth groups to have promotional tables at Grand Lodge. All three organizations did so. We also continue our efforts to photograph the three state youth leaders and display the picture in the Grand Lodge Office.

We continue to pursue: a) production of a promotional brochure explaining the three youth organizations, their requirements, how interested youth may become members and a mail-in letter indicating interest; and b) hosting a special activity for our Masonic Youth.

Our report is concluded by again encouraging all Masons and their Lodges to do all you can for the good of our youth organizations. **THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.** Support them in all their functions, activities and membership campaigns. Attend their meetings. Ask them to participate in your activities and to perform their ritual work for you. They do an excellent job and we can learn much from them. As before--we are truly a Masonic Family and must work together as a unified family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Frank J. Mattoon, 75

Your Committee on Grievances had no matters of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the year of 1994-95 of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Respectfully yours,
M.:W.: Frank J. Mattoon, Chairman
M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman
M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump

LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wayne G. Lueningborg, 32, 39

On request of Grand Master M.:W.: Steve Mattoon, I visited Mullen Lodge No. 282 at their regular meeting December 13th, for the purpose of discussing alternatives should they decide to consolidate or go extinct.

At the present time there are 28 members belonging to the Lodge with the majority of them ranging in age from 60 to 90 years. Out of the 28 members only 12 are considered active. They own a very nice lodge building and have an active Eastern Star Chapter.

After a short business meeting, we gathered around a dining room table to discuss what their alternatives were should they decide to call it quits sometime in the future. They indicated that they intended to continue as long as possible. New Officers were elected for 1995.

After discussing several possibilities, the members thanked me and the Grand Lodge for our concern.

At the present time no definite decision was made.

Respectfully submitted,
M.:W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg,
Chairman Lodge Advisory Committee

REPORT OF THE FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION COMMITTEE

Roy Kiser, 143, Chairman

Being a new committee created by Grand Master Steve Mattoon last year, we have not had a lot of activity in 1994. Some of the activities have been helping the Grand Master in procuring Dr. Gary Leaser, speaker for 1995 Grand Lodge Session. Dr. Leaser, from Stone Mountain, Georgia, will be the guest speaker at the workshops held in Kearney. Leaser, a non-mason, will talk about the Southern Baptist Convention and his experiences while he was on the Home Mission Board to investigate if the Masons were compatible with the Baptist

religion. Hopefully, the blue lodge officers will be at Grand Lodge to hear Dr. Leaser's important message.

The Grand Lodge office in Lincoln sent me a cassette tape which they had received from Wakefield Lodge. The tape was a anti-masonic speech given by a preacher. After listening to the tape, my recommendation was to burn it. You are not going to change the minds of this type of people about Freemasonry. First, the non-masons who would listen to this false information would find it hard to believe. Second, we as Masons need to inform the non-mason what our Masonic Fraternity is really about!

Most non-masons have no opinion about the Fraternity, with some exception, like those who know about the Shriners. You will not find many people that will talk against the Shrine. But they do not know that you have to be a Mason before you can be a Shriner, let alone know anything about the Scottish Rites or the York Rites. We have to educate!

A program we developed in the Primrose Lodge was to invite the public to an informational meeting about Freemasonry. This meeting was held in the Lodge building. Invitations were made by personal contact and newspaper. The meeting consisted of talking about the Masonic Fraternity and explaining the furniture of the lodge. We also had Past Grand Master Don Pohlman as a guest speaker who explained about the Masons of the world and how the Grand Lodges of the United States work. Our results were great! We did not have as many non-masons as we wanted, so we proceeded to write letters to the editors of local newspapers. The contents just told what masons are. Oh, by the way, the wives and children were invited. My personal feeling is that more meetings need to be held to spread the word about Freemasonry. If anyone is interested, please contact me and we will set up a meeting at your lodge. If you have any ideas of what else we need to be doing, please let us know! One last thing, I'm proud to be a mason. How proud are you? Tell someone how proud you are, they might want to become a brother!

Roy Kiser, Chairman
510 W. Dalton St.
Cedar Rapids, NE 68627

John Dale
405 E. 5th St.
Stromburgs, NE 68666

Don Davidson
520 North 5th St.
Beatrice, NE 68310

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Jerry Sievers, 256

This committee is charged with consideration of Grand Lodge awards, recommendations for changes, initiation of additional awards and their implementation, and nominations to the Grand Master for those awards for which he is responsible.

Five awards are the main target of the Committee. They are the Rock Maul, the Gold Pan, the Mason, the Non-Mason and the Membership Recruitment Award. The Rock Maul and Gold Pan Awards allow a lodge the ability to be able to nominate itself if certain criteria are met.

The Mason Award allows a lodge to recognize Brethren in their lodge or community who have unselfishly given of their time and talent toward a goal in their lodge or community.

The Non-Mason Award allows a lodge to recognize an individual who has promoted the Masonic ideals without benefit of membership.

Either of these awards allow a lodge to say to the person receiving such, "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant - We are Proud of You."

As of December 31, 1994, lodges have awarded 9 Mason Awards. We are pleased with this and would hope that many more lodges would put to use this valuable working tool to promote Masonry.

Both of these awards are sponsored by Grand Lodge but are given by the individual lodges and are self-funded. The Awards Committee is in great hopes that these awards will serve as public relation tools which will enhance our ideas about ourselves and our communities.

To the Grand Master, we express our appreciation for appointment to this committee and our humble acceptance of the mandates we were given. To the Grand Master-Elect we pledge our time and talents to see our committee's task completed. To the craft, we seek to work both with you and for you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee; it is our hope that our efforts were deserving of your confidence.

Jerry Sievers, Chairman

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Brothers all:

It is with great pleasure that I bring you greetings from the Children and Staff, and the Board of Directors of the Masonic- Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Executive Director Ben Harvey and his very capable staff are to be commended for the superb job of operations of the Home. Our current resident count is 33 with 3 empty beds ready and waiting to be occupied. We currently are experiencing a lesser number of boys of young age requiring our services,

and a higher number of girls. This resulted in empty beds at Morris Cottage with no beds available at Veazie and Hartman cottages, and a waiting list of those desiring admission. This could be temporary or a long lasting trend. We have made adjustments so as to use our facilities to the best advantage by re-assigning Morris Cottage from a boys to a girls facility after some minor changes in furnishings and decorations. On February 21st 5 girls from Veazie Cottage became the first to be residents of the newly assigned Morris Cottage. We are again accepting applications to fill any available beds. Our constant desire is to operate efficiently and full, but we won't compromise our fine quality of child care just to be full.

Our mission is to provide a family oriented living experience, accommodating as many children as we have space available. We support and enhance with loving care their lives as members of our home family. We make a determined effort to instill self respect, cleanliness, good morals, respect for others, and responsibility, in our family values based environment. Church attendance is encouraged and of their own choice, and they attend public school, and develop good study habits. We prepare them for life after leaving the home through our off-campus living program and assist those who have prepared themselves for higher education when they attend an institution of their choice. We have been complimented many times for the appearance and deportment of our children when they are out in the public eye, and it's because they are proud of themselves and their home, and are regaining their self respect and confidence.

With the completion of Phase V, and well along on Phase VI, we are about 88% complete in our long range renovations plan for our 79 year old campus. The greater portion of the work already done has been on the building interiors, but now you will notice the changes taking place in the overall appearance of the home grounds through the landscaping work that is in progress. Our Landscape Architect has provided us with a long term program to improve the overall appearance of the Home campus. Work to give our entranceway a handsome and inviting new look is complete with a new fence, new and better lighting and bronze signs, combined with new landscaping and plantings. The installation of new lighting for the balance of the circle was to have been done at a later time frame, but was moved ahead of other planned projects because of current needs. Other areas will be addressed as time and funds will allow. We gratefully appreciate those benefactors who specify their funds be used for this purpose. Your board members, past and present, are proud to have been involved in the worthwhile endeavor. We very much appreciate your continuing support. Our goal must always be to maintain our facilities in good structural and aesthetic condition, keeping the surrounding area from growing old and unsightly, and at the same time adding facilities as they become a desired part of our plan. The Board has voted to proceed and a contract has been let to construct a multi-purpose barn at the farm. It will provide Ron Meyer an all-weather arena/work area where all the children may work their 4-H project animals at the same time whenever they desire. We have talked for several years of such a structure, but others things always took its place on the drawing boards because of need. Now seems to be the appropriate time, and it will provide the desired location of

signage dedicating the farm area THE LEONARD A. JOHNSON 4-H FARM. A cornerstone laying ceremony is planned as a part of the Sunday, August 27, 1995 4-H Achievement day program.

As always, proper care and secure investment of all of our donated funds is a prime task of our Board's Finance Committee along with its appointed Financial Adviser, James N. DeMoss, PGP, PGM. Brother Jim has served us without compensation since May 1984, and we can't thank him enough for what his expertise has accomplished for the Home. The Committee and the Board are most appreciative of his dedicated service. After researching other alternatives the Board has signed a year to year renewable agreement with Brother Jim allowing him a nominal fee for his continuing services as he goes into retirement January 1, 1995. Masons and Eastern Star members have been very generous with their gifts, and we can't say THANK YOU enough. Please be assured that every monetary, material, or labor gift, no matter how large or small, is received, recorded, and acknowledged with the same care and appreciation.

We are looking forward to June 24 - 28, 1995 when we will play host to the Masonic Homes Executives Association of North America as it meets in Omaha, Nebraska. Our Home and the Plattsmouth Masonic Home will each share in this worthwhile experience. While attending the conference in Florida this year we learned again that our home still operates with the lowest total employees, lowest operating budget, and lowest ratio of employees to residents, of all of the childrens home members of the conference. We have accomplished that while maintaining one of the most attractive and up-to-date campuses in the country.

I speak for the devoted members of the Board, the Staff and the Children, when I say THANK YOU from the bottom of our collective hearts. It's because of their hard work and your un-ending support that our Home Family continues to thrive and grow. Again, a most wonderful example of Masonry at work.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. "Ched" House, President
Board of Directors

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Nebraska Masonic Home Plattsmouth, Nebraska

TO: Stockholders of The Nebraska Masonic Home

In this 91st year of our operation, as President of The Nebraska Masonic Home it is my responsibility to give a brief accounting of some of our activities and problems for the year. I do this on behalf of the Board of Trustees who in addition to myself are as follows: First Vice President, Frank V. Lawson Jr.; Second Vice President, Gary W. Radil; Third Vice President, Jerry L. Rittenburg; Secretary, Jay H. Speck; Dr. Robert L. Bass, Richard E. Brasel, Marlo Burg, James N.

DeMoss, David L. Knutson, Sanford H. Nelson, John M. McHenry, Robert A. Metcalf, John S. Pierce, and V. Kaye Ramsey.

The past year has been a busy and a productive one. It has passed so quickly it is hard to realize that 12 months have elapsed since our last annual meeting.

I give this report saddened by the fact that one of our faithful trustees, Brother Dale E. LeBaron, a Past Potentate of Sesostris Temple of the Shrine, entered his eternal home January 12, 1994. During the year we also lost two former Trustees, Brother Robert Spire and Most Worshipful Brother T. Leo Stines who was a Trustee Emeritus. Because it is appropriate to remind us of the beautiful memory of these dear friends and brothers, I quote these words from the memorial given by Most Worshipful Brother Metcalf in his tribute to Brother Dale.

"A beautiful memory more precious than gold

Of a friend whose worth can never be told.

Happy and smiling; always content,

Loved and respected wherever he went.

To a busy and beautiful life came a peaceful end.

He died as he lived--everyone's friend."

At our February Trustees' meeting we elected Worshipful Brother Sanford H. Nelson as a Trustee to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Brother Dale. Worshipful Brother Sam, a retired naval officer, is the present Potentate of Sesostris Temple of the Shrine. He has spent 35 years in public education, is a Past Master of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and has served as Master of three Scottish Rite Bodies. As an interested and active Mason he has also served a three-year term on the Board of the Children's Home.

As our Executive Director Brother Arthur Sharp will tell you, the acuity rate for our residents is high. The increasing census is high. During October 1994 we had 112 residents, the highest in our history. The increasing census made it necessary to add three full-time nursing assistants and one part-time registered nurse to the nursing staff. It also necessitated moving some third floor intermediate care residents to the second floor. We have reached the point where more than two-thirds of the residents receive some type of infirmary care.

Our budget for 1994-1995 exclusive of depreciation is \$3,602,500. This compares with \$3,586,800 for 1993-1994, an increase of only \$15,700. Considering the increasing food, health, insurance, and labor costs, it indicates your trustees, with the assistance of staff, are keeping close watch on the budgets of their respective committees. The bad news is our revenue budget which we estimate will increase \$64,500 this year will only raise \$1,556,000 leaving a deficit of \$2,046,500 which must be raised from other sources. The projected income from The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation (formerly the Endowment and Bequest Fund) will be \$1,593,153 leaving a shortfall of \$453,347 for which we must invade the principal of that fund.

I remind you that The Nebraska Masonic Home is the main charity of Nebraska Masons; however, I am afraid this fact is forgotten by many of our members. Every Nebraska Mason contributes \$2 from his dues to the support of The Home. This raises less than \$45,000 annually. No other Grand Lodge funds are received for the operation of The Home. We pay \$10,000 annually for support of the Grand Lodge office and contribute \$12,500 for the support of The Nebraska Mason, our Grand Lodge newspaper. I mention this to show that 99 percent of our budget must be raised by the Trustees from other sources, and we need the help of every Nebraska Mason who is able to do so. It is only because of the past generosity of those Masons and their female relatives who have contributed to our Endowment and Bequest Fund (now The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation) over the years that we have been able to keep our Home operating at its present level. With the decreased returns on investments the past two years we are encroaching on the principal of that fund which cannot continue indefinitely. It is for this reason I urge each and every one of you who is able to do so to remember The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation in your will. In this way we can support The Nebraska Masonic Home long after we have entered the portals of the hereafter.

During the calendar year of 1994 we received funds or bequests from the following estates and trusts: Mabel A. Kilmer Estate, Isabelle Barkdoll Estate, Virgil Wilson Trust, Mary Boyer Trust, Beulah G. Palmer Trust, Loretta Chapman Estate, Lela H. Johnson Estate, Maude M. Manning Estate, Virginia S. Jennings Estate, Susanna Jobst Trust, Gordon Wilson Estate, S.E. Torgeson Trust. We have also received \$1,000 from the Omaha Scottish Rite Bodies, \$1,000 from the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, \$2,500 from Mr. and Mrs. John Kemmerling, and \$5,000 from Earl and Ann Riggs. These amounts are in addition to the Caring Club receipts which are accounted for otherwise.

Speaking of the Caring Club, I have authorized the Executive Director of our Foundation, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Tye, to give a written report on his activities. Most Worshipful Brother Tom is speaking today at a Sojourner's Convention in Arizona.

Incidentally, Most Worshipful Brother Tom will include information on the Caring Club in his report. I will only mention that from May 1, 1993 to April 30, 1994 The Caring Club raised \$73,383.87. From May 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994 we have received \$43,641.00. Incidentally, Most Worshipful Brother Tom has submitted his resignation as Executive Director of The Foundation to be effective at the close of April 30, 1995. I have appointed a committee which includes Worshipful Brother Gary Radil, Right Worshipful Brother Jerry Rittenburg (who will be Grand Master), and Right Worshipful Brother V. Kaye Ramsey (who will be Deputy Grand Master) to review the position of Executive Director of The Foundation. Worshipful Brother Gary will serve as Chairman of the committee. They are authorized to investigate all of the ramifications of the position as well as to recommend a job description to the Board of Trustees.

This fall we finalized a contract with Cigna Insurance company for Workers' Compensation Insurance. This will get our Home out of the high-risk pool and

will save The Home approximately \$30,000 per year on Workers' Compensation Insurance. According to our agent Dan Loring, our Home is the first nursing home ever to be taken out of the high-risk pool. This is primarily due to the excellent safety training program promulgated by the Safety Committee which is headed by our Assistant Director, Mary Stapp.

Our insurance committee, after reviewing the escalating costs of our Home pension plan which is a defined benefit plan recommended terminating it and enhancing our 401(k) plan. Your Board of Trustees voted to do so. We have engaged Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation to provide actuarial and other services attendant on the termination of our pension plan effective as of April 30, 1995, with any excess funds to be allocated to participants in the pension plan. The funds are to be distributed on a nondiscriminatory basis. Any plan adopted is to be in accordance with the requirements of approval by the pension guarantee corporation and the Internal Revenue Service.

I informed you at our last Annual Meeting that the plaintiffs in the Barkdoll litigation had appealed the decision in our favor to the Intermediate Appellate Court. The Intermediate Appellate court or the Nebraska Court of Appeals affirmed the decision of the trial judge. The plaintiffs have now appealed the decision of the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court. In this case the plaintiffs claimed an oral contract to convey property which they had been farming to the Barkdolls.

On the litigation side we are also processing an appeal in a federal tax matter in the Beulah G. Palmer estate under the will which was prepared by a Lincoln attorney. Beulah Palmer bequeathed the residue of her estate to a trust. Under the trust for a period of 21 years until death, whichever first occurs, the trustee is to distribute 50 percent of the net trust income with one nephew to receive 20 percent and one grandniece to receive 30% of such net income. During the term of the trust the trustee is to distribute the other 50 percent of the net income in equal shares with 25 percent being paid to Trinity United Methodist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, and 25% being paid to The Nebraska Masonic Home of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Upon the death of both of the individual beneficiaries or the expiration of 21 years from the decedent's date of death, whichever event first occurs, the trust will be terminated. All net trust funds remaining on hand, both principal and income, will be distributed in equal shares with one-half to Trinity United Methodist Church and one-half to The Nebraska Masonic Home. The funds placed in the trust amounted to \$1,896,337.

The Internal Revenue Service audited the federal estate tax return for the Beulah G. Palmer estate after the period had expired during which the will could have been reformed or corrected to meet applicable requirements. The Internal Revenue Service disallowed a charitable deduction for the two charitable beneficiaries on the basis that the trust created a "split-interest" gift whereby an interest in the same property passed both to private parties and to charities. In the instance of a "split-interest" gift in trust under the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations, it is necessary that the trust meet the strict requirements of either a charitable remainder annuity trust or a charitable remainder uni-trust

which was not the case under the decedent's will. As a result of the disallowance of the charitable deduction, the additional federal estate tax to be paid would be in excess of \$500,000. Through our attorney we interceded with the attorney for the State and personal representative to hold up the payment of the tax and permit us to litigate this payment.

Despite the technical correctness of the petition of the Internal Revenue Service the result is extremely inequitable, and it appeared appropriate that an effort should be made to challenge the position of the Internal Revenue Service. Our attorney contacted the Trinity United Methodist Church as to their position in the matter. They were desirous of contesting it but were unwilling to incur additional expense for doing so. We have both now hired Baird-Holm Law Firm which has agreed to accept the case and appeal on a contingency-fee basis. Under this arrangement, we will be responsible for only the out-of-pocket expense.

On October 26 Brothers Gary Newcomb and Leon Wright delivered a complete set of lodge furniture to The Home. This furniture was from a lodge that had become dormant and consolidated with Bartley Lodge No. 228. The Home is now able to hold a regular lodge meeting without transferring furniture from Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

In the past I have commented on the high caliber of our supervising employees and have pointed out honors extended by their peers. Our Assistant Director, Mary Stapp, during the year received a Bachelor's degree in Health Care Management Magna Cum Laude. Our Executive Director, Arthur Sharp, is serving on the Executive Board of The Masonic Homes Executives Association of North America. He has also been invited to become a member of the American College of Nursing Home Administrators. This is a select group with only a few members from each of the various states. Art has also been elected to serve a two-year term as president of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Employee Assistance Program. I should mention that one of our Trustees Most Worshipful Brother Robert Metcalf was selected as the Outstanding Mason of the Year by the Order of DeMolay.

Your Trustees have authorized your Executive Director and Assistant Director to supply coffee and cookies for the hospitality room at Grand Lodge as we did last year. I hope that all of you will take advantage of this hospitality and urge your brethren to do likewise.

Our Deputy Grand Master represented our Trustees at the Masonic Home Executives Association of North America's annual meeting. He found the conference to be an informative and educational one and recommended that we continue to send a Trustee to the conference. Incidentally this year's meeting will be held in Omaha June 26-28, 1995. We have registered all of our Trustees and urge them to attend the conference. On Sunday, June 25, The Home will host a tour of our facility and an evening meal followed by entertainment.

Trustee Dr. Robert L. Bass, Chairman of our Health Affairs Committee, called the Board's attention to the recent rise in tuberculosis deaths. On his recommen-

dation our Board instructed our staff to rigidly comply with our requirement of health screening for new applicants, particularly for infectious diseases.

During the year I was pleased to see an article on The Nebraska Masonic Home in Bee Hive Lodge's monthly bulletin. Bee Hive is the lodge in which I was initiated and now hold dual membership. I urge each of you to urge your lodges to do the same if they publish a bulletin.

I remind you that our Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Jerry Rittenburg, our incoming Grand Master, has been an active Trustee of The Nebraska Masonic Home for the past four years. He is a dedicated Mason, is very knowledgeable on Home affairs, and has an intense interest in its operation. Under his leadership The Home and the Grand Lodge will move forward together.

I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Trustees to all the lodges, chapters, councils, commanderies, masters and wardens, Eastern Star chapters, and the Omaha Scottish Rite and other groups who have helped to make the year a pleasant and joyous one for The Home's residents. I suggest you urge your friends to visit The Home if they have not done so. When they see the wonderful job being done by our Executive Director and his staff, I am sure they will be interested in helping with this outstanding program.

I am especially grateful to our Executive Director, Brother Arthur Sharp; our Assistant Director, Mary Stapp; our Controller, Robert Kenney; and our Executive Secretary, Christine Abbott for the help they have given me personally during the year. I commend them and the rest of the staff for a job well done. I can truly say our Home has never been in better shape.

As I have said before there is no way I can adequately express my appreciation for the work done by our Trustees on their regular and special committees. I have never worked with a group of individuals more conscientious and dedicated than they are. As I have said before, they exemplify Masonic charity at its best. For every one of them it is a labor of love which requires them to contribute of their substance as well as of their time. If our entire membership could really know how much work these brothers render in their interest, I am sure they would be much more responsive to our financial needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry A. Spencer, President
The Nebraska Masonic Home
Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Nebraska Masonic Home Plattsmouth, Nebraska

TO: The Stockholders and Trustees

Once again it is a pleasure for me to welcome all of you to this, the 92nd Annual Meeting, of The Nebraska Masonic Home Stockholders and Trustees. As in the

years past, your Masonic Home continues to move forward in our mission of providing loving and dignified care for the aging Nebraska Masons and their eligible female relatives.

This past year has been one of constant challenges for the staff of our Home. The ever-changing state and national legislative scene, the changing and ever-increasing technology, the advances in medical science and the resulting changes in how we provide care and treatment to our residents, and the staffing requirements have been a constant challenge due to the changing population of our Home.

During the past year our entire administrative and management staff worked diligently on several projects which have helped our Home control the costs of operation and, in several instances, saved a considerable amount of money.

One of the largest projects has been in conjunction with the new Workers' Compensation Law, L.B. 757, which mandates the establishment of safety committees in all businesses. Working closely with our labor attorney, Mr. Mark Theisen, of the Baird-Holm Law Firm, we were able to reorganize our long-standing safety committee into a more functional and efficient group of dedicated employees who have worked very hard at making our Home a much safer place for our residents to live and our employees to work. As a result of our Safety Committee, under the very capable leadership of our Assistant Director Mary Stapp, we have reduced our days lost due to work-related incidents from 252 in 1992 to 15 in 1993. As a result of this, The Nebraska Masonic Home is the first nursing facility ever to be removed from the Workers' Compensation high-risk pool and be reclassified into a lower rate group. The net effect of this is an annual savings of approximately \$30,000.

Another of these projects involved getting competitive bids, and renegotiating our contract for long distance telephone service. This contract was renegotiated within the past two months, and has had a net effect of lowering our long distance charges by about \$160 per month; we are currently 11.5 percent under our telephone expense budget projections for this year.

During the past year we have become a member of the Nebraska Food Bank. As a 501(c)(3) organization we are eligible to get food and medical supplies from the Nebraska Food Bank operation in Omaha which results in a savings of about \$350 per month on our food bill.

Our administrative and management staff continue to look at several other areas of our operation for the opportunity to conserve our resources and hold the line on costs. In this time when medical costs are still outrunning inflation, we are still dead even with last year's operating expenses and are 4.4 percent or \$86,000 under our year to date budget. This, I believe, is a direct result of total staff dedication to operating efficiently and economically while continuing to provide the very highest quality care for our Masonic brothers and their eligible female relatives.

During the past year our expanded activities program has come into full bloom. Under the direction of our Activities Director, Mrs. Sandi Rippe, we are offering

our residents a full schedule of activities to help improve their quality of life. Let me outline for you a few of the activities that are available to our residents. Sandi made arrangements with the Henry Doorly Zoo for our residents to enjoy this excellent attraction at a greatly reduced cost for our senior citizens. She arranged for a picnic at the Platte River State Park, a trip on the Belle of Brownville, a tour of the beautiful fall colors at Arbor Lodge, a ride on "Molly the Trolley" in Nebraska City, shopping trips to the various malls in the Omaha metro area, and resident participation in open class craft competition and a day at the Cass County Fair. During September our residents assisted with decorating The Home's float for the Kass County King Korn Karnival parade. Many of our residents also enjoyed a historical and educational trip to view a replica of the Nina which was docked in Bellevue during the fall. In addition to these outside activities, our residents also enjoy many activities here at The Home. One of the most popular activities is the reminiscence story hour where each of the residents participating in the group gets to tell a story about the topic for the day. This story hour is led by one of our very active volunteers, Mr. Cliff Shaffer, who also leads a Bible study class and bridge lessons every week. Between all of these activities and our ever-crowded craft room, our residents can stay as busy as they desire on any given day.

During the past year a great many people and organizations have contributed greatly to your Masonic Home. A very special thank you must go to our very active and progressive Board of Trustees. They have been, as in past years, ever ready, willing, and able to contribute of their time and expertise to the staff of our Home in order that we may operate at the most effective and efficient level possible.

Our thanks must also go to Most Worshipful Steve Mattoon, Grand Master; his Grand Lodge officers; and the Grand Lodge office staff for their continuing support and encouragement.

One of the highlights each year is the arrival of the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck organized by Brother Adolph Schlaman. The Food Truck brings nearly a semi-trailer load of food supplies to The Home for our residents. Brother Adolph and Brother Edward Rhoda also pass out candy and other treats to every resident of The Home. Many thanks to the lodges, chapters, and individuals of central Nebraska who donate money to fund this worthy project.

A very special thank you must go to Mr. Ben Harvey, Administrator of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children for taking a day out of his busy schedule to bring several children and their 4-H animals to The Home for our residents to enjoy. Our residents look forward to this event each year with great anticipation; it is truly one of the highlights of the year for them.

I would also like to thank Mr. John Furstenberg, Executive Director of the Omaha Home for Boys, for the contributions he has made to our Home. One of the most important was his appearance as a clown, during National Clown Week, to entertain our residents.

A very special thanks must also go to the various Masonic bodies who have collectively given so much of their time, resources, and effort for the enjoyment of our residents:

- to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha for furnishing the gifts and poinsettias for our residents' Christmas party and for the Omaha World-Herald subscriptions which give our residents so many hours of enjoyment.
- to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 for always being there when we need them for special projects as well as always welcoming our male residents to lodge meetings and occasionally furnishing transportation for them to attend lodge. We are especially proud this year that Mr. David Meredith, the husband of our Director of Nursing, Sonia Meredith, will be installed as Worshipful Master this coming Saturday.
- to Home Chapter No. 189 OES for the delicious fried chicken picnic in The Home's dining room for our residents each summer and for always welcoming our residents and furnishing transportation to chapter meetings.
- to Narcissus Chapter No. 269 Kensington for the covered dish picnic which has become an annual event that brings so much enjoyment to our residents.
- to the Nebraska Grand York Rite officers for their annual visit to The Home to have lunch and visit with our residents as well as have an information session and tour of The Home.
- a very special thank you must go to Mrs. Mary Lou Erickson, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Robert C. Todd, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Shirley Frink, Grand Secretary; and the Grand Family of the Order of Eastern Star for the help and support they have given our Masonic Home. Our residents truly enjoy their annual visit and their attendance at many of The Home's functions and events.
- and finally, to all the Masonic bodies and their membership for the hundreds of contributions in terms of time, talent, and hard work in order that our residents' lives may be made more comfortable and enriched.

During this past year, the State Board of Nursing Licensure informed us that because we are not a state-licensed nursing facility we could not use Care Staff Members (C.S.M.'s) to pass medications to our residents. The Nebraska Masonic Home was not subject to any penalty for this; however, our Director of Nursing and all other professionally licensed nurses were in danger of losing their licenses if they were on duty at the time a C.S.M passed meds. This made it necessary for us to go back to the practice of having our professional nurses pass all medications. This resulted in an increase in our personnel budget as we were not able to utilize our lower-paid personnel for our med passes. In spite of this we are still 0.5 percent under our nursing salary budget year to date.

The Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees was quite active this past summer looking at several options which are available to increase our Home's census. The committee brought several suggestions to the Board of

Trustees at the September meeting; however, no motions were brought to the floor to bring any of these to reality. My hope for the upcoming year is that many of these options will come before the Board in the form of a motion to be voted upon so that we can increase the census of The Home and have the resulting increase in revenue. This would cut down on the amount of money which The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation must provide for the daily operation of The Home.

During this past year our Chief Engineer, Mr. Monte Hackwith, has studied for and successfully passed the test for the National Institute for Uniform Licensing of Power Engineers. Monte is now licensed as a First Class Power Engineer. He is qualified to work in any state in the union on any type of stationary or power equipment.

A very special congratulations must go to our Assistant Director, Mrs. Mary Stapp, upon her graduation, Magna Cum Laude, in Health Care Administration and Management. This was accomplished entirely on her off-duty time while in her present position and former positions as Administrative Assistant and LPN Supervising Nurse. In addition to this great accomplishment, she has put in a great many extra hours and given up many weekends and holidays during her 22 years of employment with The Nebraska Masonic Home in order for The Home to maintain the high quality care for which we are recognized throughout the industry and state. I truly believe that all of the people connected with The Nebraska Masonic Home owe Mrs. Stapp a very special thank you for all her work, dedication, and accomplishments.

My sincere gratitude must also go to our very dedicated staff. Great works cannot happen without a great staff to make it happen. To Mrs. Sonia Meredith, Director of Nursing; Mr. Bob Kenney, Controller; Mrs. Chris Abbott, Executive Secretary; Mrs. Frankie Cotner, Secretary/Receptionist; Mr. Monte Hackwith, Chief Engineer; Mrs. Sandi Rippe, Activities Director; Mrs. Glenda Seydlitz, House-keeping Supervisor; Ms. Sandy Hamilton, Dietary Supervisor; and Ms. Amanda Stapp, Accounting Assistant; I give a very special thank you for all the contributions you make to our Home and our very special residents. These people are truly the heart and soul of our Nebraska Masonic Home.

Respectfully submitted:

Arthur R. Sharp

Executive Director

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

I am pleased to submit this report to the Board of Directors of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation and to the stockholders of The Nebraska Masonic Home at your annual meeting in Plattsmouth on January 10, 1995.

In the fall of 1994 I tendered my resignation as Executive Director to President Spencer and so advised the Board that my time in the future would be limited. The Board requested that I remain as the Executive Director, at half salary,

through the fiscal year ending April 30, 1995, so that a study could be made and a replacement employed prior to my departure. The past several years of my association with The Nebraska Masonic Home, first as a Trustee and then as your Executive Director of The Foundation have been tremendously rewarding for me, and I hope for The Home. It has been my honor and privilege to work with Most Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer, President of the Board of Trustees. Brother Harry was appointed to the Grand Lodge line by my father in 1959 having given many prior years of service to our fraternity. Working with Harry in Grand Lodge as well as on The Home Board has made me realize that he is one of the youngest-thinking members of our fraternity that I know. His body may not be what it was 60 or even 70 years ago, but his mind, his enthusiasm, his concern and love for his brethren are as young as the newly-made Master Mason, standing in the northeast corner of the lodge--eager and ready for new challenges, new experiences, filled with hope. In looking through my father's scrapbook one day I found many writings and poems written by his first law partner, Hector Sinclair, as well as some written by my father. He had saved a clipping from a 1925 edition of the *Western Newspaper Union* that certainly is descriptive of Harry.

*Do something today to bring gladness
 To someone whose pleasures are few
 Do something to drive away sadness
 Or cause someone's dream to come true.
 Find time for a neighborly greeting
 And time to enjoy an old friend--
 Remember, the years are so fleeting
 That life's final day soon will end.*

*Do something today that tomorrow
 Will prove to be truly worthwhile;
 Help someone to overcome sorrow
 And greet the new dawn with a smile.
 For only through kindness, and giving
 Of service and friendship and cheer,
 Can we learn the glory of living
 And find heaven's happiness here.*

The Board of Trustees of this Home and The Foundation are the most dedicated and caring people I have ever worked with. Each day brings a new learning experience for each of us, and we have grown and learned each day ever keeping in mind the care and welfare of those for whom we work. I thank each of you for your concern, your guidance, and your good counsel.

*If nobody smiled and nobody cared,
 And nobody helped us along,
 If each and every minute looked after himself,
 And the good things all went to the strong;
 If nobody cared just a little for you,
 And nobody thought about me;
 And we stood all alone in the battle of life;
 What a dreary old world it would be.
 Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made,
 And the things which in common we share,
 We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
 But because of the people who care;
 It's giving and doing for somebody else--
 On that all life's splendor depends;
 And the joy of the world, when it's all added up,
 Is found in the making of friends.*

Our annual giving through the Caring Club continues to be a successful program for The Home. We average about \$70,000.00 per year in giving through the Caring Club, and I hope the program will be continued by the Board and my successor. It has also served as a means to convey information about The Home to members and interested people throughout the entire country.

There continues to be a great deal of interest in annuities. A gift annuity makes it possible to transfer cash or marketable securities such as stocks or bonds to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation and in exchange, you and/or someone else you designate will receive fixed payments for life, and at a rate usually better than you can get at the bank. Additionally, you get a tax deduction for the gift made. The current rates adopted by The Home for gift annuities are as follows:

GIFT ANNUITY RATES

Single Life — You May Receive As Much As 12%

Age Nearest Birthday	Rate of Payment	Annual Income Per \$1,000 Gift	Age Nearest Birthday	Rate of Payment	Annual Income Per \$1,000 Gift
57	6.9%	\$69	75	8.6%	\$86
58	7.0%	\$70	76	8.8%	\$88
59	7.0%	\$70	77	9.0%	\$90
60	7.1%	\$71	78	9.2%	\$92
61	7.1%	\$71	79	9.5%	\$95

62	7.2%	\$72	80	9.7%	\$97
63	7.2%	\$72	81	10.0%	\$100
64	7.3%	\$73	82	10.2%	\$102
65	7.4%	\$74	83	10.5%	\$105
66	7.5%	\$75	84	10.7%	\$107
67	7.6%	\$76	85	11.0%	\$110
68	7.7%	\$77	86	11.2%	\$112
69	7.8%	\$78	87	11.5%	\$115
70	7.9%	\$79	88	11.7%	\$117
71	8.0%	\$80	89	11.9%	\$119
72	8.1%	\$81	90 and over	12.0%	\$120
73	8.3%	\$83			
74	8.4%	\$84			

The committee on Gift Annuities met in April, 1993, and established this reate schedule. Rates for two persons will be furnished on request.

Wills and bequests to The Home continue to be the largest manner of giving and enable us to continue the quality of care we demand for our residents. We have pending in administration or probate proceedings or in trust well over \$1 million of assets to eventually be turned over to The Foundation for the benefit of The Home. Costs of providing quality care continue to rise, and we must continue to receive these kinds of bequests in order for us to make ends meet. The operating budget of The Home now exceeds \$3.5 million per year. We have one of the best facilities in the country, and we provide the very best care for those in need. Of this we can be proud, ever mindful that a constant effort is necessary to continue this most worthwhile philanthropy of our fraternity. Even though our needs are great, our donors give not solely because of those needs but primarily for the results which we, as Masons and as The Nebraska Masonic Home, are able to achieve with the funds which we receive.

We never lose those we love so long as we love those we lose.

I shall always remain, Fraternally,
 Thomas W. Tye
 Executive Director
 Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

Dwight E. Smith, 205

Your Committee on Codification of the Law respectfully submits its report relative to amendments or additions to the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge, as enacted at this communication.

That the following be added as paragraph five of Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge, and that otherwise said Section shall remain unchanged:

"No less than 15 days before the opening of Grand Lodge the Committee shall serve on the Grand Master, by deposit in first class mail, or by deposit at the Grand Lodge Office, an agenda for its meeting prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Said agenda shall set out with reasonable certainty any questions the committee expects to raise relative to the recommendations of the Grand Master or his decisions rendered during his term."

That Section 2-311 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2-311 — SURETY BOND — Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge for bond protection to the lodge against misappropriation of lodge funds by its Secretary and its Treasurer. All payments hereunder by subordinate lodges shall be paid annually to the Grand Lodge which shall keep a record thereof. The Grand Lodge shall procure a surety bond from a company legally issuing such bond sufficient in amount to protect all of the subordinate lodges against misappropriation of its funds by its Secretary and by its Treasurer, and pay the amount thereof out of the money received for this purpose from such lodges. Said bond so furnished is to be conditioned for the full protection of the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate lodges."

That Section 1-201 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1-201 — GRAND SECRETARY — The Grand Secretary shall have charge of the seal of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend and record the transactions of the Grand Lodge when in Annual Communication; shall sign all orders, certificates, documents and diplomas requiring the seal of the Grand Lodge, to include the affixing of the seal thereon; shall complete and carry on such communications

with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to insure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. The Grand Secretary shall report to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge such statistical data concerning the status of the membership of this Grand Lodge as may, in his opinion, be appropriate, or as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of such duties or other programs of the Grand Lodge to include the promotion of Masonry."

That the first paragraph of Section 2-605 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"The dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of June of the same year, if not paid by that date."

AND, that paragraph two of Section 2-605 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"On June 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before September 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before September 30, of such year he shall automatically stand suspended for non-payment of dues and an entry thereof shall be made in the minutes of the Lodge at the first subsequent stated meeting. It shall also be the duty of the secretary to notify, in writing, each member automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual."

The amendments to the Bylaws shall become effective after the close of this Grand Lodge Communication.

W.: Dwight E. Smith moved for adoption of the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law. Motion was seconded and passed.

The Officers of St. John The Baptist Lodge of Research requested permission to give the following report. Permission was granted by Grand Master Mattoon.

St. John The Baptist Lodge of Research

Father Arsenios Coolik

Thank you very much Most Worshipful Grand Master and Worshipful Sirs and my Brethren. I really am indebted for you sparing a few moments of your time to give me a chance to tell you what our Lodge of Research has been doing after its first year since it has been chartered. I will try to be brief, although you all know we live in a monastery and Brother George Burke is the Abbot of the Monastery, and as Mark Twain put it years and years ago, he was referring to a trait that Abbot George had in that he was a longwinded Irish wordmill. One of the things that Mark Twain forgot to add is that this is somewhat contagious. So I will try to subdue that for the purposes of everyone getting out on time.

Our lodge since February of 1994 has made significant accomplishments and I would like to just briefly explain them. We have had an expansion of our members, we have gone from 15 to now 19, I understand we will be having a 20th member soon. And we also have made a resolution to have outreach for associate members either out-of-state or unable to travel to give them access to the knowledge and research we are uncovering in our lodge. We have also begun the growth of a rather expansive library, and we have participation with other out-of-state lodges in research conference and also in active lodge. In doing this we have also received international notoriety from several Grand Lodges of other countries which I will mention and although we had to go to a pretty extensive financial expense to setup a lodge, get everything we needed, we have also been able to setup a large financial base. Our members as I mentioned are now at 19 and we have received requests from associate members from many states and many other countries. We have received petitions to become associate members from California, Minnesota, Connecticut, Maryland, Manitoba, Argentina, and Yugoslavia. So here we find that hopefully the Grand Lodge will also receive notoriety if we are good Masons and do our work well that this Lodge of Research will have International outreach. We also in our lodge have now made accessible to all members and all associate members tape recordings of the actual presentation part of our meetings. For those Brothers who could not come as an associate member they will not only just receive a newsletter or a report of what happened, but they will also receive an audio tape of the actual presentations which can be put into an album form and which will be sold to non-members at the end of each year in an album form. To give you an idea of the type of presentations which are active in our lodge, just taking the last meeting of just last week, we had a reading from a report given in 1870 given by Reverend Oliver Clark, when he gave a report on the All-Seeing Eye. That was read by our Secretary Brother Seraphim, we also had a long presentation of music which was done by one of the Brothers of the Monastery, and he sang through various anniversary odes of Masonic music that first were published in 1860. These settings were put to music by a brother Amadais Mozart.

Then we had a very ancient and very interesting proving up ritual which was demonstrated by two of the Brothers from rituals that were active in the year 1760 in England and Ireland that were published in the book "Three Distinct Knocks". Then our Brother Deb Hartman gave a very interesting report on what he titled his *Musings on Masonry*, giving a report on what he has seen happen in the recent years in Masonry, things that were advantageous to the craft, things which are detrimental to the growth of the brotherhood. Also then we had a report from our Worshipful Brother Virgil Tubach, he gave a report on the recent history of growth of Freemasonry and Fraternal Recognition in countries around the world, especially in countries that were previously Communist. When this was all done we had realized that the lodge meeting had gone over 3 hours long, and in a sense a Masonic miracle had taken place because we later found out that one of the members was praying for the meetings to end. And so, being good Masons and seeing the pattern we might set, and therefore deter other members, we quickly made a resolution to limit our presentation part of the meetings to one hour. So we are putting restraints on ourselves. I would like to just say that our lodge, as many of you know, and have seen, had put out last year the 4 cassette album on blue lodge degree Masonry. We now are heading toward a sale of 300. That means that now between 200 and 300 lodges throughout the United States and Canada are now using this work for beautification of the work. We have had a request from the York Rite Bodies to produce an album which will give all of the York Rite Degree music and we have gone through all of these extensive books on Music and we have found after literally over 100 hours of research we have put together, codified and entered into computer all of these songs through all of the degrees. We have actually performed this in our chapter, council and commandery degrees. We have found that there are within the 9 degrees of York Rite, 38 songs which are incorporated into the degree. We hope, and our goal next year is to have a 10 cassette album to produce to offer not only for the craft but also Masons at large. In doing all this we have been able to set up a financial base and now we have an outstanding bank account of over \$3,000 which will enable us to further expand our library and which now, as I mentioned before, we have extensive research documents and extensive books on not only Masonic music, Masonic Ritual history, but a long list of books on anti-Masonic history. One of the things that we uncovered that was mentioned at our meeting which is interesting to note on anti-Masonry is that in this country the very first political convention that ever took place in the government of our country was not a convention put on by either Republican or Democratic party, but it was the anti-Masonic party which first had its convention and started the national conventions which took place after that, which shows how strong the bodies of anti-Masonry were, if in fact they actually started an historic progression of what turned out to be the most prominent conventions which happen yearly from the Democrat and Republican parties.

Two of us, Abbot George Burke and myself did travel to the Iowa Masonic Library and we spent two days there with the head librarian Keith Harrington, and with our help he retrieved and brought out for our inspection numerous books on Masonry, the oldest one went back to 1705. These books were so rare

they could hardly be handled, with his help I was able to photograph 2800 pages of Masonic ancient ritual and history and we have incorporated this by photographing and then reproducing them on a photographic enlarger, making prints and then xeroxing the books, and now we have these books in our library. Keith Harrington, who many of you know from the Iowa Masonic Library, is a wonderful man and probably one of the most knowledgeable of men on Masonic ritual and history. He said that surely once these 2800 photographs are developed that seated in Nebraska will be the most widely documented library on Masonic ritual and music in the world outside of Iowa. So we see this as a great accomplishment.

In closing I would like to say that even though we have done all of this we feel that all of our efforts have paled to insignificance compared to the work and the historic event that has just taken place in this Grand Lodge assembly. And as Roscoe Pound said 3 decades ago, before he left this earth for a better place, that as true Masons we should recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man, so in recognition of this historic event, where this Grand Lodge has recognized and put forth their belief that the brotherhood of man is paramount to Masonic virtue, I would like to make this presentation to the Grand Lodge. This is a mounted plaque reproduction of an original Masonic "Our Father, the Lords Prayer" which was done in 1875 and painted by J. Miller, one of our Brothers of 120 years ago. I also have a duplicate of this which I presented to the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons. I caught Brother Russell before he left and made the presentation to him. So it is our hope that as a plaque like this hangs in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and also in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska it will mark this historic event and show to all that have gone before us and all those Brothers who will come after us that it was the work of us here who have been courageous to do what should have been done decades ago.

Grand Master Mattoon thanked Brother Coolik for the presentation orally and also the plaque, assuring all that it will hang in the Grand Lodge Office.

Grand Master Mattoon also gave special thanks to Brothers Kevin Leapley for the excellent job he does as the sound expert and Del Hamilton, our official photographer, who work tirelessly during Grand Lodge Annual Communication.



PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON AND PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Thomas W. Tye, with the assistance of M.:W.: Past Grand Master Frank J. Mattoon, made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon.



R.: W.: Virgil L. Tubach announced that he had received the following resolutions, which according to the bylaws will be read and laid over until the session next year.

RESOLUTION

I recommend that the annual per capita tax in Section 2-601 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be increased one Dollar (\$1.00) for the use of the Grand Lodge General Fund because it is apparent that future operating costs will increase.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska does not allow Past Masters to be members of the Grand Lodge.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Constitution be changed as follows:

ARTICLE II

Now reads: The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens or the proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

TO READ: The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior

Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with Masters and Wardens or the proxies, duly constituted, of chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Past Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Lodge Bylaws be and they hereby are amended, as follows:

CHAPTER IV

GRAND LODGE FUNDS

Sec. 1-401 - INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES -

(a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of three (3) members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. Vacancies shall immediately be filled by the Grand Master. A majority of such Board shall, as it deems wise and prudent, establish investment policies for the Grand Lodge as to general types of securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations, and the percentage of Grand Lodge funds to be invested in securities and other obligations.

(b) The Grand Trustees appointed shall be members in good standing of subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment or banking field. All trustees shall be residents of the State of Nebraska, and if any Trustee shall cease to be resident of this State, or shall cease to be a member of a subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge his place as Grand Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master, and a new Grand Trustee appointed immediately.

(c) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman and secretary from its membership.

(d) The Grand Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense incurred covering mileage, hotel rooms and meals. They are also authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal services and court costs as they may deem necessary for the proper monitoring of the investments.

(e) The Board of Grand Trustees may by majority vote select a professional management firm to invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge in securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations. Any investment management firm selected shall have been in business at least five years and shall have a net worth of at least \$100,000. Upon written approval of such selection by a majority vote of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, the Board of Trustees may employ such firm. Any professional management firm may be terminated and a new one employed, utilizing the same procedure.

(f) The professional investment management firm shall have such powers to buy and sell, invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge within the investment policies established by the Board of Grand Trustees and to hold such investments for the ownership and benefit of the Grand Lodge, as shall be set forth in its written contract. Such contract shall provide the custody of Grand Lodge investment funds shall repose with a State or Federally Insured Financial Institution, as well as provisions for the transfer of funds and renditions of such statements of account and reports as shall be recommended by the Board of Grand Trustees. An annual written report of the professional investment management firm and Board of Grand Trustees shall be made at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

(g) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, all funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of the Grand Lodge A:F. & A:M. of Nebraska, and all deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock, certificates, or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary upon authorizations of the Board of Grand Trustees.

(h) The Board of Grand Trustees shall monitor the actions of the professional investment management firm and submit semi-annual reports to the Grand Master with comments and recommendations. They shall also employ a certified public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge. An original of such audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge shall be filed in the office of the Grand Lodge.

(i) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, the Board of Trustees shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

Sec. 1-405 - GENERAL FUNDS, SPECIAL FUNDS AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND - That hereafter the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be the following: General Funds, Perpetual Membership Fund and Special Funds.

The General Fund of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the securities and monies presently in said Fund. The General Fund shall be the operating funds of the Grand Lodge, into which shall be deposited all income of this Grand Lodge from whatever source derived, with the exception of monies paid to the Perpetual Membership Fund and income therefrom. The expenses of this Grand Lodge, as appropriated by this Grand Lodge, shall be paid from the General Fund. Surplus monies in the General Fund shall be invested and reinvested by the professional investment management firm under its written contract with the Grand Lodge.

There is hereby established a Perpetual Membership Fund. All monies tendered with applications for perpetual membership and all income therefrom shall go into said Fund, which shall be administered as provided by the Perpetual Membership Plan adopted by this Grand Lodge. This Fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

There is hereby established a Special Fund, which shall consist of monies gifted or bequeathed to the Grand Lodge with restrictions on their use. The Fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

For the purpose of investment management, the Perpetual Membership Fund and the Special Fund may be managed by the investment manager as a single portfolio and be held in a single custody account. The

Records of the portion of such account/portfolio belonging to the Perpetual Membership Fund and other special funds held by the Grand Lodge shall be kept by the Grand Lodge Office.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James F. Brown, Jr., led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Steven F. Mattoon then closed the 138th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

**Organization
of
Grand Lodge**

**A.:F.: & A.:M.:
of Nebraska**



**Kearney, Nebraska
February 2, 3 & 4, 1995**

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

- M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon GRAND MASTER
- R.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg Deputy Grand Master
- R.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey Grand Senior Warden
- R.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming Grand Junior Warden
- R.: W.: Virgil L. Tubach Grand Secretary
- V.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Grand Chaplain
- W.: Philip A. Lorenzen Grand Orator
- W.: Don A. Mears Grand Historian
- W.: Augustine S. "Gus" Scolaro Grand Custodian
- W.: Michael E. Jones Grand Marshal
- W.: Don E. Rasmussen Grand Senior Deacon
- W.: Dwight E. Smith Grand Junior Deacon
- W.: Benjiman H. Harvey Grand Senior Steward
- W.: Scott J. Krieger Grand Junior Steward
- W.: John M. Weidner, Sr. Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters

Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

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HERBERT A. RONIN, 210	(96th)	1961
4645 Bryan Circle, Lincoln 68506		
ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 32	(97th)	1962
Box 303, Gothenburg 69138		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227, 184	(99th)	1964
1500 Crestview Drive, Lincoln 68506		
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281	(100th)	1965
801 South 52nd, No. 2105, Omaha 68106		
HUGH W. EISENHART, 228	(104th)	1969
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2613 El Rancho Road, Sidney 69162		
DONALD R. SWANSON, 54	(109th)	1974
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BEVIN B. BUMP, 158	(118th)	1983
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ROBERT A. METCALF, 210	(119th)	1984-85
1440 Imperial Drive, Lincoln 68506		
CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327	(120th)	1986
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WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 32, 39	(121st)	1987
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PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426		

- JAMES N. DeMOSS, 325 (125th)..... 1991
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- CARL R. GRIESEN, 32 (HONORARY) 1966
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GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per § 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence (§1-304: 5 Past Grand Masters —5 year term)

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Special Committees

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(1994-1998)

James R. Eberly, 75, 217 West Drive, Sidney 69162, 308-254-4913

Grand Lodge Social Committee

Chm. Cathy Mattoon, PO Box 316, Sidney 69162, 308-254-6148

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Awards Committee

Chm. Jerry Sievers, 256, 3500 Prescott Avenue, Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408
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Insurance Review Committee

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Freemasonry and Religion Committee

Chm. Roy L. Kiser, 143, 810 W. Cedar Street, Cedar Rapids 68627, 308-358-0488
Fr. Donald F. Davidson, 26, 520 N. 5th Street, Beatrice 68310, 402-223-4531
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Augustine S. Sclaro
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Deputy Grand Custodians and Their Districts

NAME APPOINTED

District #1

Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th Street, Plattsmouth 68048-7802 1989
402-298-8570

Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth;
Springfield #112, Springfield

District #2

Herbert M. Chambers, 288, 3724 Ames, Omaha 68111, 402-455-9938 . . . 1991

Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281,
Omaha; Omaha #288, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha; Mizpah
#302, Omaha

District #3

Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496 . . . 1993

Capitol #3, Omaha; Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268,
Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328,
Omaha

District #4

James E. Cornish, 31, RR 2 Box 102, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-1135 1976

Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland;
Landmark #222, Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig

District #5

Ronald D. Grass, 31, 420 N. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689 1990

Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Magnolia #220,
Emerson; Olive Branch #274, Walthill

District #6

To Be Appointed

Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Relief #219,
Coleridge; Golden Rule #236, Allen; Laurel #248, Laurel

District #7

Lloyd F. Vrtiska, 108, RR 1 Box 99, Table Rock 68447, 402-839-2955 . . . 1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40,
Humboldt; Stella #105, Stella; Table Rock #108, Table Rock; Upright
#137, Burchard

District #8

John C. Sierks, 4, RR 1 Box 15, Brownville 68321, 402-825-6061 1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Tecumseh #17,
Tecumseh; Auburn #124, Auburn; Trestle Board #162, Brock

District #9

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003, 402-944-7014 . . 1960
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110,
Ashland; Comet #229, Ceresco; Victory #310, Valley

District #10

Steven A. Green, 54, 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9055 1988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; East Lincoln #210,
Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln; Liberty #300,
Lincoln

District #11

Eugene C. Sibley, 54, 5221 S. 67th, Lincoln 68516, 402-421-2711 1984
Lancaster #54, Lincoln; Mt. Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping
Water; Highland #194, Cortland; George Washington #250, Lincoln;
Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

To Be Appointed
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore;
Barneston #165, Barneston

District #14

To Be Appointed
Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson; Gilead #233, Butte;
Bassett #254, Bassett; Ornan #261, Spencer

District #15

To Be Appointed
Northern Light #41, Stanton; Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Wisner #114,
Wisner; Newman Grove #305, Newman Grove

District #16

Lynn Doty, 251, Box 173, Wausa 68786, 402-586-2341 1977
Ionic #87, Niobrara; Plainview #204, Plainview; Bloomfield #218,
Bloomfield; Wausa #251, Wausa; Diamond #291, Orchard

District #17

Victor D. Hunt, 62, 403 W. Phillips Rd., Phillips 68865, 402-886-2960 . . . 1976
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River;
Friendship #239, Chapman

District #18

Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2015 1964
Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud;
St. Paul #82, St. Paul; Minden #127, Minden; Guide Rock #128, Guide
Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Lotus #289, Ravenna; Mid-West #317,
Hastings

District #19

Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65, RR 1 Box 31, Osceola 68651, 402-747-8481 . . 1967
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising
City; Lebanon #323, Columbus

District #20

Scott J. Krieger, 317, 810 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-4491 1990
Ashlar #33, Grand Island; Lone Tree #36, Central City; Albion #78,
Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Solar #134, Clarks; Crescent #143,
Primrose; Cairo #324, Cairo

District #21

Wayne E. Beatty, 126, RR 2 Box 116, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-3950 . . 1984
York #56, York; Mt. Nebo #125, Genoa; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg;
Polk #311, Polk

District #24

Delmar Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234 1992
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61,
Lexington; Republican #98, Republican City; Jachin #146, Holdrege;
Elwood #167, Elwood; James A. Tulleys #267, Overton

District #25

Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135, 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001, 1990
308-345-3669
Melrose #60, Orleans; McCook #135, McCook; Culbertson #174,
Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Monument #293, Arapahoe

District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221, 402-967-3361 . . 1979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake
#221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

District #27

Keith B. Leibhart, 148, RR 1 Box 62, Merna 68856-9735, 308-645-2486 . . 1990
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow;
Mason City #170, Mason City; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207,
Callaway

District #28

V. Rosenberger, 183, PO Box 95, Hemingford 69348-0095, 308-487-3965 . 1982
Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Mullen #282, Mullen;
Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 Ash St., Gordon 69343, 308-282-0214 1984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana
#195, Gordon; Sioux #277, Harrison

District #30

Everett K. Dappen, 265, 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361 Emeritus
308-632-8640
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas
#265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271, Morrill

District #31

John M. Weidner, Sr., 33 & 75, 2134 11th Ave., Sidney 69162 1993
308-254-4221
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh
#286, Oshkosh; Kimball #294, Kimball; Golden Rod #306, Lodgepole

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, RR 1 Box 13, Max 69037, 308-423-2547 1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198,
Imperial; Palisade #216, Palisade

District #33

To Be Appointed
Ogallala #159, Ogallala; Wallace #279, Wallace; Sutherland #299,
Sutherland; Perkins #308, Grant

District #34

Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, 1550 N. Lincoln St., Fremont 68025 1990
402-727-9296
Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington;
Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132,
Scribner

District #35

Harold W. Noble, 325, 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005, 402-733-9081 . . . 1987
Nebraska #1, Omaha; St. Johns #25, Omaha; Papillion #39, Papillion;
Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Don L. Jelinek, 54, 311 Dale Drive, Lincoln 68510, 402-488-3976 1992
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Bennet; DeWitt
#111, DeWitt; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln;
College View #320, Lincoln

District #37

Albert A. Wise, 79, PO Box 63, Geneva 68361, 402-759-3869 1992
Oliver #38, Seward; Fairmont #48, Fairmont; Evening Star #49, Sutton;
Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

District #38

Frank R. Harris, 77, PO Box 3, Nelson 68961, 402-225-4581 Emeritus
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily
#154, Davenport; Chester #298, Chester

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- Louis V. Sylvester, 281 801 So. 52nd St. #2105, Omaha 68106
- Sebert A. Stover, 281 3637 Himebaugh Ave., Omaha 68111
- Clifford D. Webster, 75 5801 W. Crestridge Rd. #D302
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274
- Glenn W. Binder, 23 RR 1 Box 72, Pawnee City 68420
- Curtis J. Griess, 49 118 S. Ingalls, Grand Island 68801
- Harold A. Tilton, 291 7570 East Speedway 617, Tucson, AZ 85710
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 39 Walney Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72714
- Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210 5745 Baldwin, Lincoln 68507
- Herman O. Hansen, 3 8521 California, Omaha 68114
- Richard L. Mauch, 254 & 136 507 Augusta, Bassett 68714
- Everett K. Dappen, 265 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361
- Frank R. Harris, 77 Box 3, Nelson 68961
- Alfred Peltzer, 148 RR 2, Box 225, Broken Bow 68822
- Ben Fussell, 79 1610 G Street, Geneva 68361
- Ralph McNulty, 61 Box 83, Cozad 69130
- A. W. Clark, 33 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68802
- D. Wayne Erickson, 146 1010 Garfield, Holdrege 68949

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1-Nebraska	3	0	3	0	304	3	1	0	5	0	0	9	0	16	8	0	0	0	24	289	
2-Western Star	5	0	4	0	235	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	5	4	0	0	0	9	231	
3-Capitol	1	0	1	0	194	2	0	0	5	0	0	7	0	5	5	0	0	0	10	191	
4-Nemaha Valley	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	36	
5-Omadi	1	0	1	1	193	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	7	0	0	0	11	184	
6-Plattsmouth	8	1	8	0	268	8	3	1	1	0	0	13	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	275	
9-Falls City	8	2	7	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	9	85	
10-Solomon	1	1	0	0	86	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	82	
11-Covert	9	3	9	2	666	8	3	0	2	0	0	13	2	16	20	0	0	0	38	641	
14-Peru	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	43	
15-Fremont	3	0	3	0	408	3	3	0	6	0	0	12	2	9	12	0	0	0	23	397	
17-Tecumseh	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	6	67	
19-Lincoln	10	3	9	2	316	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	11	6	0	1	0	19	305	
21-Washington	4	2	7	0	127	7	2	1	0	0	0	10	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	131	
23-Pawnee	0	0	0	0	58	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	60	
25-St. Johns	3	0	3	0	284	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	4	25	38	0	2	0	69	221	
26-Beatrice	2	1	3	0	226	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	7	5	0	0	0	13	217	
27-Jordan	1	0	1	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	36	
30-Blue River	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	44	
31-Tekamah	8	2	6	2	155	4	0	0	1	67	0	72	2	2	2	0	0	0	6	221	
32-Platte Valley	4	1	4	0	349	7	2	1	3	0	0	13	4	13	1	0	0	1	19	343	
33-Ashlar	5	3	9	3	371	8	2	0	4	0	1	15	0	15	5	0	0	0	20	366	
34-Acacia	2	0	3	0	96	3	2	0	3	0	0	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	101	
35-Fairbury	0	0	0	0	115	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	109	
36-Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	81	
37-Crete	1	2	0	2	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	100	
38-Oliver	4	3	1	1	71	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	1	0	6	68	
39-Papillion	3	0	5	0	452	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	12	0	0	0	21	436	
40-Humboldt	3	0	3	1	52	5	1	0	2	0	0	8	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	57	
41-No. Light	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	51	
43-Hebron	1	0	1	0	62	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	63	
44-Harvard	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	41	
46-Rob Morris	8	0	8	0	238	8	1	0	1	0	0	10	1	8	3	1	0	0	13	235	

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48-Fairmont	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	35
49-Evening Star	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
50-Hastings	3	3	4	1	242	4	0	1	2	0	0	7	1	12	4	0	0	0	0	17	232	
51-Fidelity	0	2	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	48	
52-Hiram	0	0	0	1	45	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	45	
53-Charity	1	0	2	0	75	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	74	
54-Lancaster	16	5	17	5	615	14	1	1	5	0	0	21	0	23	16	0	0	0	0	39	597	
55-Mosaic	3	4	2	0	181	3	3	0	2	0	0	8	0	4	8	1	0	0	0	13	176	
56-York	0	2	3	0	159	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	156	
57-Mt. Moriah	0	2	0	2	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	5	46		
59-Wahoo	0	0	0	0	140	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	133		
60-Melrose	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	7	0	0	0	9	58		
61-Thistle	1	0	0	0	184	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	10	9	0	0	0	20	168		
62-Keystone	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	55		
64-Blue Valley	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	45		
65-Osceola	1	0	1	0	90	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92		
68-Aurora	1	0	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	5	0	0	0	11	61		
72-Hooper	0	0	0	0	69	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	70		
73-Friend	0	0	0	0	37	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	38		
75-Frank Welch	4	1	3	0	206	4	0	1	3	0	0	8	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	209		
77-Nelson	0	1	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	97		
78-Albion	1	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	53		
79-Geneva	0	0	0	0	119	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	6	114		
81-Composite	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	62		
82-St. Paul	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	80		
83-Corinthian	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	44		
87-Ionic	0	6	0	3	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34		
89-Cedar River	1	0	1	1	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48		
91-Oakland	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	48		
94-Bennett	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	33		
95-Garfield	0	1	0	1	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	72		
96-Utica	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	36		
97-Euclid	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	84		

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98-Republican	1	0	1	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	28	
102-Waterloo	5	0	5	3	133	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	3	135		
103-Ord	0	0	0	1	73	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	4	5	0	0	9	68		
104-Wymore	0	6	0	3	97	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	6	93		
105-Stella	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	30		
106-Porter	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	28		
108-Table Rock	0	0	1	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25		
110-Pomegranate	1	1	1	1	161	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	6	5	0	0	11	153		
111-DeWitt	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	26		
112-Springfield	8	3	7	0	157	7	0	0	3	0	0	10	1	0	13	0	0	14	153		
114-Wisner	1	0	1	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	59		
119-North Bend	4	0	4	0	93	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	4	1	0	0	5	94		
120-Wayne	1	3	1	0	157	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	1	7	0	0	0	8	153		
121-Superior	0	0	0	0	103	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	0	9	95		
124-Auburn	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	47		
125-Mt. Nebo	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	29		
126-Stromsburg	1	0	1	0	112	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	0	9	104		
127-Minden	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	6	53		
128-Guide Rock	1	0	1	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	52		
132-Scribner	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	23		
134-Solar	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40		
135-McCook	1	0	1	1	198	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	1	6	4	0	1	12	190		
136-Long Pine	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	23		
137-Upright	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	22		
143-Crescent	3	2	2	0	20	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	21		
146-Jachin	0	0	1	1	125	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	7	120		
148-Custer	2	0	2	2	185	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	16	0	0	19	168		
154-Lily	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	1	0	8	50		
158-Samaritan	1	0	2	0	119	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	4	0	0	8	113		
159-Ogalalla	2	4	1	0	102	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	0	0	8	95		
162-Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	32		
164-Atkinson	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	47		
165-Barneston	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25		

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination Of Dual	Other Causes				
167-Elwood	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	41
170-Mason City	0	0	1	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
173-Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48
174-Culbertson	0	0	1	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50
177-Hay Springs	3	0	3	0	78	4	0	0	2	0	1	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	83
180-Justice	3	0	3	0	68	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70
183-Alliance	7	0	10	0	203	9	2	2	0	0	0	13	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	208
184-Bee Hive	3	0	3	0	362	3	1	1	9	0	0	14	1	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	28	348
192-Minnekadusa	0	1	0	0	88	2	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	9	84
194-Highland	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	45
195-Arcana	2	0	2	1	80	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	77
198-Purity	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	68
200-Blazing Star	1	0	2	0	43	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	39
201-Scotts Bluff	6	0	6	2	120	4	2	2	0	34	0	42	0	5	11	0	0	0	0	16	146	
204-Plainview	3	4	0	0	96	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	94
205-Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	77
207-Parian	3	0	3	0	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
209-Canopy	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
210-East Lincoln	24	10	21	4	568	18	1	2	3	0	0	24	1	17	16	0	0	0	0	34	558	
211-Cement	0	0	1	0	67	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	67
216-Palisade	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	58
218-Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	55
219-Relief	1	0	1	1	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	37
220-Magnolia	0	2	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23
221-Wood Lake	2	2	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	71
222-Landmark	1	0	1	0	69	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
224-Silver Cord	0	2	1	0	80	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	81
227-North Star	8	1	7	1	216	7	0	1	1	0	0	9	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	218	
228-Bartley	1	1	1	2	96	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	91
229-Comet	0	0	1	1	86	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	82
233-Gilead	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	17
234-Zion	0	0	0	1	52	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	48
236-Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	38

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239-Friendship	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	
240-Pilot	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	69	0	
241-G. Armstrong	1	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32	
248-Laurel	1	1	1	0	44	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	
250-G. Washington	7	0	7	0	126	7	1	0	1	0	0	9	0	6	6	0	1	0	13	122	
251-Wausa	1	0	1	0	53	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	52	
254-Bassett	0	0	0	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	38	
256-Hickman	10	0	11	0	157	11	0	1	3	0	0	15	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	166	
261-Ornan	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	35	
263-Mitchell	1	0	1	0	81	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	
264-Franklin	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	48	
265-R. W. Furnas	5	0	3	1	215	5	0	2	2	0	0	9	2	14	7	0	0	0	23	201	
267-J. A. Tulleys	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	47	
268-G. W. Lininger	5	0	5	0	197	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	4	0	1	0	0	5	198	
271-Oasis	0	0	0	3	88	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	86	
274-Olive Branch	1	5	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	81	
277-Sioux	0	0	0	1	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36	
279-Wallace	0	3	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	
281-Florence	4	4	3	0	300	3	1	0	2	0	0	6	2	15	11	0	0	0	28	278	
282-Mullen	0	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	27	
284-Seneca	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	
285-Camp Clarke	1	1	0	1	76	1	0	0	1	20	0	22	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	92	
286-Oshkosh	2	0	3	3	54	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	51	
287-Union	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	57	
288-Omaha	4	2	4	1	157	4	1	2	0	0	0	7	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	153	
289-Lotus	3	0	3	0	67	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	66	
290-John J. Mercer	7	5	6	4	704	6	0	2	10	0	0	18	3	34	33	0	0	0	70	652	
291-Diamond	0	0	0	0	101	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	99	
293-Monument	0	0	2	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	78	
294-Kimball	0	0	0	0	123	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	122	
295-Minatare	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	34	37	0	
297-Cotner	5	4	4	0	188	4	1	2	2	0	0	9	1	4	6	0	0	1	12	185	
298-Chester	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	

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299-Sutherland	2	0	3	0	62	3	0	3	1	0	0	7	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	65	
300-Liberty	5	3	5	0	185	6	0	0	4	0	0	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	192	
301-Bayard	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	20	23	0	
302-Mizpah	0	0	0	0	416	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	1	15	13	0	1	0	30	391	
305-Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	36	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37	
306-Golden Rod	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	34	
308-Perkins	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	48	
310-Victory	0	0	0	0	110	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	111	
311-Polk	1	0	1	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36	
314-Craftsmen	5	0	6	1	326	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	14	7	0	0	0	22	309	
317-Mid-West	1	2	2	3	391	2	0	3	4	0	0	9	2	12	6	0	0	0	20	380	
320-College View	2	1	1	1	78	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	4	0	0	0	9	71	
323-Lebanon	1	5	4	1	136	3	0	1	3	0	0	7	3	8	3	0	0	0	14	129	
324-Cairo	0	7	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	35	
325-Bellevue	7	3	4	0	313	7	0	0	5	0	0	12	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	315	
326-Centennial	4	3	3	1	241	3	0	0	4	0	0	7	3	3	18	0	2	0	26	222	
327-Shiloh	1	0	2	0	136	2	2	0	5	0	0	9	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	142	
328-Miloma	4	0	4	1	204	5	1	0	5	0	0	11	3	1	17	0	0	0	21	194	
TOTALS	321	142	323	77	21207	324	68	42	172	121	2	729	66	711	545	6	20	123	1471	20465	

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**Kearney, Nebraska
February 2, 3 & 4, 1995**

PAST GRAND MASTERS

	YEAR SERVED	NAME	LODGE
1st	1857-58-59	Robert C. Jordan	3
2nd	1860-61-62	George Armstrong	3
3rd	1863-64	Daniel H. Wheeler	6
4th	1865-66	Robert W. Furnas	4
5th	1867-68	Orsamus H. Irish	5
6th	1869-70	Harry P. Deuel	11
7th	1871-72	William E. Hill	2
8th	1873	Martin Dunham	3
9th	1874	Frank Welch	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley	19
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67
23rd	1888	George B. France	56
24th	1889	John J. Mercer	4
25th	1890	Robert E. French	46
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson	17
28th	1893	James P.A. Black	76
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49
33rd	1898	Frank H. Young	207
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	93
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard	32
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham	55
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell	31
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King	54

43rd	1908	William A. DeBord	3
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.	105
48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele	55
52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple	61
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith	136
57th	1922	Edward W. Wellman	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95
60th	1925	John Wright	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	59
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith	198

89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46
95th	1960	John F. Futcher	290
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	227, 184
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart	228
105th	1970	John H. Brown	1
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36, 323
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281, 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

- ◆ George Armstrong September 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
- ◆ Robert W. Furnas June 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
- ◆ Robert C. Jordan June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
- ◆ Stephen D. Bangs June 24, 1863 to June 24, 1865
- ◆ J. Newton Wise June 24, 1865 to October 27, 1869
- ◆ Robert W. Furnas October 27, 1869 to June 21, 1872
- ◆ William R. Bowen June 21, 1872 to May 6, 1899
- ◆ Francis E. White June 9, 1899 To June 11, 1925
- ◆ Lewis E. Smith June 11, 1925 To June 6, 1946
- ◆ Carl R. Greisen June 7, 1946 To June 6, 1968
- ◆ Robert W. Cook June 6, 1968 To April 5, 1969
- ◆ Norris W. Lallman June 4, 1969 To June 13, 1981
- ◆ Ralph W. Gerry June 13, 1981 To June 15, 1985
- ◆ Paul R. Pierce June 15, 1985 To December 6, 1986
- ◆ Edward M. Cummings December 6, 1986 To May, 1987
- ◆ Albert T. Reddish May, 1987 To September, 1989
- ◆ Don E. Rasmussen September, 1989 To November, 1992
- ◆ Deceased

PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

- ◆ Lee P. Gillette, 2 1882-1883, 1887-1894
- ◆ Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84 1884-1887
- ◆ James A. Tulleys, 53 1894-1900
- ◆ Robert E. French, 46 1901-1927
- ◆ Lute M. Savage, 3 1927-1948
- ◆ Raymond C. Cook, 6 1948-1965
- ◆ Robert W. Cook, 33 1965-1967
- ◆ Ralph W. Gerry , 281 1968- 1981
- ◆ Mannie O. Hansen, 1 1981-1984
- ◆ T. Leo Stines, 36 1984-1985
- ◆ Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 1985-1990
- ◆ Emeritus

Grand Lecturers

George Armstrong, 3	1858, 1859, 1866
Lee P. Gillette, 2	1860, 1861, 1881
Sylvester S. Redfield, 2	1862
E.C. Adams, 6	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2	1865, 1866, 1868, 1874 to 1877
Byron Reed, 3	1867
Charles T. Whitmore, 11	1869 to 1871
Charles F. Catlin, 11	1871 (Acting)
George H. Thummel, 33	1872, 1873
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1877 to 1880

The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians and Date of Appointment

The first reference providing for an "Assistant Custodian" was made in 1869. In 1870, the Committee on Work recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren. These, together with the Grand Lecturer, were to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have, at any time, served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was, or is, a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	1870
John Reed, 2	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4	1871
D. F. Powell, 3	1871
A. Atkinson, 3	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2	1873
William B. Wharton, 12	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36	1876
David K. Hume, 3	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32	1876
George W. Lininger, 3	1877

L. S. Moe, 15	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19	1877
James R. Cain, 9	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55	1879
Marshall Smith, 2	1879
James McNaughton, 4	1879
Joseph H. McConnel, 32	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17	1880

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910, Brother Robert E. French did hold special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistant" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917, these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians". In 1925, the designation was "Deputy Custodian". The following brethren appeared in the records as "Assistant Custodians" ; or, at times, as "Deputy Custodians".

◆ John J. Mercer, 3	1910
◆ Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910
◆ Walter W. Wells, 192	1910
◆ Ensign J. Rix, 55	1910
◆ James D. Phillips, 93	1910
◆ Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910
◆ Ernest H. James, 1	1910
◆ Fred A. Howe, 119	1910
◆ Robert B. Walker, 170	1912
◆ Frank W. Farrand, 36	1913
◆ Ira C. Freet, 56	1913
◆ Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
◆ Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
◆ Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
◆ Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
◆ Levi Pringle, 276	1913
◆ Earl M. Bolen, 130	1914
◆ Frank L. Haycock, 207	1914
◆ George A. Stevens, 158	1914
◆ Harry M. Jones, 46	1916
◆ Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
◆ Alfred G. Hunt, 33	1916
◆ Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50	1916
◆ Barclay M. Hickman, 38	1916
◆ Orville A. Andrews, 50	1917

◆ Andrew H. Viele, 55	1917
◆ Maro C. Shipherd, 15	1920
◆ Jesse Lowther, 219	1920
◆ Franklin C. Tym, 25	1920
◆ Lute M. Savage, 3	1920
◆ Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
◆ Lamont L. Stephens, 106	1922
◆ Frances S. Robey, 19	1922
◆ John B. Lichtenwallner, 275	1923
◆ Harry R. Belville, 146	1923
◆ George R. Patterson, 136	1923
◆ William J. Birkoffer, 249	1923
◆ D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
◆ Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
◆ William D. Edson, 53	1926
◆ Francis B. Rodwell, 224	1926
◆ Edwin H. Gerhart, 305	1926
◆ William McCormack, 268	1926
◆ Harry L. Mantor, 306	1927
◆ John R. Easley, 49	1927
◆ L. Donald Huston, 65	1928
◆ Elmer Surber, 95	1928
◆ John M. Bennett, 19	1928
◆ Earl Barnett, 146	1929
◆ Jonathan Frye, 1	1929
◆ Ernest R. Reynolds, 124	1930
◆ Osborne P. Simon, 174	1930
◆ Doc L. Redfern, 300	1930
◆ Austin F. Whitmire, 306	1931
◆ Henning C. Johnson, 171	1930
◆ Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
◆ Ward B. Schrack, 46	1933
◆ Byron S. Peterson, 25	1933
◆ Raymond C. Cook, 6	1933
◆ Ray B. Bottorf, 33	1933
◆ Wallace E. Linn, 1	1934
◆ Jesse P. Entriiken, 295	1934
◆ Harrold D. Weddel, 208	1937
◆ Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
◆ Fred G. Christensen, 33	1938
◆ Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938
◆ S. William Beck, 43	1940
◆ Stanley B. Fryar, 139	1940
◆ Roy S. Planck, 15	1940
◆ Buren P. Wells, 315	1940
◆ Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
◆ F. Ray Dilts, 83	1942

◆ Ernest C. Purdy, 195	1942
◆ Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
◆ Howard E. Bradstreet, 261	1943
◆ George S. Schwab, 49	1946
Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1946
◆ Irving S. Johnson, 148	1946
◆ LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
◆ Ernest E. James, 1	1946
◆ Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
◆ Robert W. Cook, 33	1949
◆ Paul D. Fleming, 293	1949
◆ Charles M. Frederick, 136	1949
◆ Sylvester Shumard, 227	1949
◆ Ralph M. Carhart, 120	1950
◆ Morris V. Balcom, 46	1950
◆ William F. Flicklinger, 56	1951
◆ Forest A. Lape, 183	1951
◆ Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	1954
◆ Harold M. Wilkerson, 54	1954
Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	1955
Clifford D. Webster, 75	1956
◆ Matthias E. Mauel, 173	1956
◆ Frank H. Smith, 301	1957
◆ Ward V. Whitaker, 310	1957
◆ Richard L. Ely, 138	1957
Asa J. Farnham, 106	1958
◆ Robert B. Conrad, 125	1958
Winston C. Swanson, 120	1958
◆ Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210	1959
◆ Edmund D. Shaw, 195	1959
◆ Harry N. Ahl, 112	1959
◆ Alfred R. Kenover, 148	1960
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
◆ T. Leo Stines, 36, 323	1960
◆ Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
◆ Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
◆ Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
◆ Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
◆ Gordon Chard, 240	1962
Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
Stuart A. Johnson, 177	1964
Arthur S. Dye, 317	1964
◆ W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
◆ Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
◆ Carl A. Johnson, 183	1965

♦ Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
Augustus W. Clark, 33	1965
♦ Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302	1965
♦ Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
♦ Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
♦ Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
♦ Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966
Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966
♦ Walter Brown, 1	1967
♦ John C. Nelson, 250	1967
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	1967
♦ Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967
Howard G. Whitmore, 81	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
♦ Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
John C. Sierks, 4	1969
Paul D. Jacobsen, 148	1969
♦ David O. Kipling, 281	1970
Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
♦ Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
Richard L. Mauch, 254, 136	1971
♦ O. Wayne Thompson, 201	1971
John A. Brandt, 26	1971
Dale E. Kube, 55	1971
Robert E. Kyes, 36	1972
♦ Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1973
Richard O. Cowles, 174	1975
♦ Jens P. Nielsen, 121	1975
Ralph E. McNulty, 61	1975
♦ Don L. McCoy, 11	1975
Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975
Alfred V. Peltzer, 148	1975
Roger L. Shillington, 180	1976
James E. Cornish, 31	1976
Ben D. Fussell, 79	1976
Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
Lynn Doty, 251	1977
Marvin R. Weber, 204	1977
♦ W. Dale Page, 15	1977
♦ Harry L. Saum, 308	1979
DeVern A. Engberg, 26	1979
Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37	1979
Albert W. Watsek, 40	1979
Douglas A. Thomas, 183	1979

	Arthur J. Ferguson, 221	1979
◆	Leslie G. Weber, 204	1979
	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1980
	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	1981
	David E. Menck, 15	1982
	Vincent Rosenberger, 183	1982
	Justin F. Fauss, 55	1982
	Augustus W. Clark, 33	1982
	Wayne E. Beatty, 126	1982
	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	1984
	Eugene C. Sibley, 54	1984
	Leslie Evert, 195	1985
	William Fogle, 135	1985
	Roscoe Malick, 300	1985
◆	R. Winton Wilson, 199	1985
	Robert Kyes, 36	1985
◆	W. Dale Page, 15	1985
◆	Gordon E. Richards, 75	1986
	Harold Noble, 325	1987
	Deon D. Eberly, 314	1988
	Steven A. Green, 54	1988
◆	Steven K. Jones, 265, 263	1988
	Lloyd Vrtiska, 108	1988
◆	Robert M. Littrell, 77	1989
	Roy L. Smith, 6	1989
	Daniel E. Spearow, 26	1989
	LeRoy Crye, 328	1990
	Ronald D. Grass, 31	1990
	Scott Krieger, 317	1990
	Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135	1990
	Keith B. Leibhart, 148	1990
	Gordon L. Carley, 75	1990
	Gerald D. Verbeek, 15	1990
	Herbert M. Chambers, 288	1991
	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	1992
	Don L. Jelinek, 54	1992
	Albert Wise, 79	1992
	Halsey D. Phillips, 325	1993
	John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33	1993
	Rodney L. Samp, 308	1994
◆	Deceased	

Deceased Grand Masters

We have set apart these pages dedicated to the memory of the Past Grand Masters who have passed beyond the veil.

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3 (1st)	1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3 (2nd)	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6 (3rd)	1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4 (4th)	1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5 (5th)	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11 (6th)	1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2 (7th)	1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3 (8th)	1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27 (9th)	1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19 (10th)	1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33 (11th)	1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3 (12th)	1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27 (13th)	1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19 (14th)	1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 31, 1901	53 (15th)	1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9 (16th)	1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2 (17th)	1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55 (18th)	1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50 (19th)	1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59 (20th)	1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11 (21st)	1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67 (22nd)	1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56 (23rd)	1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4 (24th)	1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1947	46 (25th)	1890
Bradmer D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89 (26th)	1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17 (27th)	1892
James P.A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76 (28th)	1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41 (29th)	1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19 (30th)	1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34 (31st)	1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49 (32nd)	1897
Frank H. Young	Dec. 24, 1917	207 (33rd)	1898
William W. Keysor	Aug. 17, 1922	25 (34th)	1899
Albert W. Crites	Aug. 23, 1915	158 (35th)	1900
Robert E. Evans	July 9, 1925	5 (36th)	1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov. 19, 1913	93 (37th)	1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan. 31, 1933	32 (38th)	1903
Charles E. Burnham	May 29, 1933	55 (39th)	1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May 2, 1911	31 (40th)	1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155 (41st)	1906
Orman J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54 (42nd)	1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3 (43rd)	1908
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119 (44th)	1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100 (45th)	1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46 (46th)	1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105 (47th)	1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148 (48th)	1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93 (49th)	1914

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54 (50th)	1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55 (51st)	1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61 (52nd)	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139 (53rd)	1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258 (54th)	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3 (55th)	1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136 (56th)	1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1 (57th)	1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127 (58th)	1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95 (59th)	1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19 (60th)	1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158 (61st)	1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120 (62nd)	1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25 (63rd)	1928
Ira C. Fleet	Oct. 13, 1944	56 (64th)	1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19 (65th)	1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119 (66th)	1931
Edwin R. Johnston	Feb. 11, 1933	33 (67th)	1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50 (68th)	1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203 (69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26 (70th)	1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268 (71st)	1935
Chancellor A. Philips	Sept. 12, 1968	150 (72nd)	1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6 (73rd)	1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36 (74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317 (75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15 (76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201 (77th)	1941
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54 (78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9 (79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	Feb. 12, 1977	148 (80th)	1944-45
Benjamin F. Eyre	Aug. 12, 1993	1 (81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt	Feb. 14, 1977	318 (82nd)	1947
Elmer Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227 (83rd)	1948
Roscoe Pound	July —, 1964	5 (Honorary)	1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59 (84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268 (85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron	Dec. 22, 1993	37 (86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	Mar. 3, 1983	183 (87th)	1952
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198 (88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams	April 17, 1980	68 (89th)	1954
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11 (90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale	Feb. 23, 1988	54 (91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb. 13, 1971	295 (92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153 (93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye	Feb. 14, 1989	46 (94th)	1959
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120 (98th)	1963
Lewis R. Ricketts	July 14, 1990	19 (101st)	1966
John A. Bottorf	Feb. 21, 1984	49 (102nd)	1967
Norris W. Lallman	Nov. 1, 1984	72 (103rd)	1968
John H. Brown	Feb. 2, 1978	1 (105th)	1970
Russell L. Fickes	April 18, 1989	33 (106th)	1971
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59 (107th)	1972
T. Leo Stines	Feb. 26, 1994	36, 323 (111th)	1976
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46 (112th)	1977
Harold C. Wurdeman	Jun 21, 1985	323 (116th)	1981

Grand Lodge of Nebraska Rock Maul Award

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to be the most outstanding Lodge that year by the Grand Master.

1981	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1982	Shiloh Lodge	No. 327	Omaha
1983	Culbertson Lodge	No. 174	Culbertson
1984	Scotts Bluff Lodge	No. 201	Gering
1984	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1985	Comet Lodge	No. 229	Ceresco
1985	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Hickman
1986	Springfield Lodge	No. 112	Springfield
1987	Platte Valley Lodge	No. 32	North Platte
1989	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
1990	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1991	Corinthian Lodge	No. 83	Wakefield
1992	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1993	Bartley Lodge	No. 228	Bartley
1994	North Star Lodge	No. 227	Lincoln
1995	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend

Grand Lodge Of Nebraska GOLD PAN AWARD

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake

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**GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN
 AWARD**

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees.

This award is presented to publicly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in at least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	Henry Rood	Wahoo No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball No. 294	Kimball
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City

EXISTING LODGES
 Roll of Existing Nebraska Lodges, with Locations, Dates Created and Chartered

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	February, 1855	Oct. 3, 1855 •1
Western Star	No. 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	May 10, 1855	May 28, 1856 •2
Capitol	No. 3	Omaha	Douglas	January 9, 1857	June 3, 1857 •3
• Formed Grand Lodge of Nebraska September 23, 1857 • Chartered by ¹ Illinois, ² Missouri, ³ Iowa					
Nemaha Valley	No. 4	Brownville	Nemaha	December 15, 1857	June 2, 1858
Omadi	No. 5	So. Sioux City	Dakota	January 18, 1858	June 2, 1858
Plattsmouth	No. 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18, 1858	June 2, 1858
Falls City	No. 9	Falls City	Richardson	October 4, 1864	June 23, 1865
Solomon	No. 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	August 15, 1865	June 22, 1866
Covert	No. 11	Omaha	Douglas	July 24, 1865	June 22, 1866
Peru	No. 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23, 1867	June 19, 1867
Fremont	No. 15	Fremont	Dodge	July 3, 1866	June 20, 1867
Tecumseh	No. 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	December 7, 1867	Oct. 28, 1868
Lincoln	No. 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 4, 1868	June 25, 1868
Washington	No. 21	Blair	Washington	February 24, 1868	June 25, 1868
Pawnee	No. 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	January 4, 1869	Oct. 28, 1869
St. Johns	No. 25	Omaha	Douglas	May 28, 1869	Oct. 28, 1869
Beatrice	No. 26	Beatrice	Gage	March 23, 1870	June 22, 1870
Jordan	No. 27	West Point	Cuming	December 25, 1869	June 23, 1870
Blue River	No. 30	Milford	Seward	April 25, 1870	June 23, 1870
Tekamah	No. 31	Tekamah	Burt	August 19, 1869	June 23, 1870
Platte Valley	No. 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15, 1870	June 23, 1870

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Ashlar	No. 33	Grand Island	Hall	August 11,1870	June 22,1871
Acacia	No. 34	Schuyler	Colfax	July 18,1870	June 19,1872
Fairbury	No. 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June 30,1871	June 19,1872
Lone Tree	No. 36	Central City	Merrick	August 9,1871	June 19,1872
Crete	No. 37	Crete	Saline	January 8,1872	June 19,1872
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	Seward	July 25,1871	June 18,1873
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion	Sarpy	November 18,1872	June 18,1873
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt	Richardson	December 16,1872	June 18,1873
Northern Light	No. 41	Stanton	Stanton	January 20,1873	June 18,1873
Hebron	No. 43	Hebron	Thayer	March 10,1873	June 18,1873
Harvard	No. 44	Harvard	Clay	March 25,1873	June 18,1873
Rob Morris	No. 46	Kearney	Buffalo	February 21,1873	June 26,1874
Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	December 4,1873	June 26,1874
Evening Star	No. 49	Sutton	Clay	December 22,1873	June 26,1874
Hastings	No. 50	Hastings	Adams	January 3,1874	June 26,1874
Fidelity	No. 51	David City	Butler	January 18, 1874	June 26,1874
Hiram	No. 52	Arlington	Washington	February 26,1874	June 26,1874
Charity	No. 53	Red Cloud	Webster	March 2,1874	June 26,1874
Lancaster	No. 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	April 20,1874	June 26,1874
Mosaic	No. 55	Norfolk	Madison	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
York	No. 56	York	York	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
Mt. Moriah	No. 57	Syracuse	Otoe	November 7,1874	June 23,1875

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wahoo	No. 59	Wahoo	Saunders	January 20,1875	June 23,1875
Melrose	No. 60	Orleans	Harlan	March 10,1875	June 24,1875
Thistle	No. 61	Lexington	Dawson	May 8,1875	June 21,1876
Keystone	No. 62	Phillips	Hamilton	January 1,1876	June 21,1876
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October 6,1876	June 20,1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	November 23,1876	June 20,1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10,1876	June 19,1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge	March 19,1878	June 25,1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	May 4,1878	June 25,1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December 26,1878	June 25,1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March 15,1879	June 23,1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August 1,1879	June 23,1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November 24,1879	June 23,1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March 20,1880	June 22,1881
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	April 15,1880	June 22,1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	April 22,1880	June 22,1881
Ionic	No. 87	Niobrara	Knox	January 24,1881	June 20,1882
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	January 19,1882	June 20,1882
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February 7,1882	June 19,1883
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 5,1882	June 19,1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June 28,1882	June 19,1883
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July 14,1882	June 19,1883

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Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July 21,1882	June 19,1883
Republican	No. 98	Republican City . . .	Harlan	July 27,1882	June 19,1883
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	Douglas	September 7,1882	June 19,1883
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	September 14,1882	June 19,1883
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November 10,1882	June 19,1883
Stella	No. 105	Stella	Richardson	December 4,1882	June 19,1883
Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December 9,1882	June 19,1883
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January 24,1883	June 19,1883
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February 13,1883	June 19,1883
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt	Saline	February 28,1883	June 19,1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30,1883	June 19,1883
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend	Dodge	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior	Nuckolls	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Auburn	No. 124	Auburn	Nemaha	December 25,1883	June 24,1884
Mt. Nebo	No. 125	Genoa	Nance	January 1,1884	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg	Polk	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
Minden	No. 127	Minden	Kearney	January 22,1884	June 24,1884
Guide Rock	No. 128	Guide Rock	Webster	January 28,1884	June 24,1884
Scribner	No. 132	Scribner	Dodge	July 9,1884	June 24,1885
Solar	No. 134	Clarks	Merrick	August 8,1884	June 24,1885

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McCook	No.	135	McCook	Red Willow	October	6,1884	June	24,1885
Long Pine	No.	136	Long Pine	Brown	October	6,1884	June	24,1885
Upright	No.	137	Burchard	Pawnee	November	14,1884	June	24,1885
Crescent	No.	143	Primrose	Boone	January	24,1885	June	24,1885
Jachin	No.	146	Holdrege	Phelps	July	13,1885	June	17,1886
Custer	No.	148	Broken Bow	Custer	August	10,1885	June	17,1886
Lily	No.	154	Davenport	Thayer	November	28,1885	June	17,1886
Samaritan	No.	158	Chadron	Dawes	March	17,1886	June	16,1887
Ogallala	No.	159	Ogallala	Keith	August	14,1886	June	16,1887
Trestle Board	No.	162	Brock	Nemaha	October	9,1886	June	16,1887
Atkinson	No.	164	Atkinson	Holt	August	19,1886	June	21,1888
Barneston	No.	165	Barneston	Gage	August	20,1886	June	21,1888
Elwood	No.	167	Elwood	Gosper	June	21,1887	June	21,1888
Mason City	No.	170	Mason City	Custer	August	1,1887	June	21,1888
Robert Burns	No.	173	Stratton	Hitchcock	November	15,1887	June	21,1888
Culbertson	No.	174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	November	16,1887	June	21,1888
Hay Springs	No.	177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	February	20,1888	June	21,1888
Justice	No.	180	Benkelman	Dundy	October	8,1888	June	20,1889
Alliance	No.	183	Alliance	Box Butte	January	18,1889	June	20,1889
Bee Hive	No.	184	Omaha	Douglas	January	22,1889	June	20,1889
Minnekadusa	No.	192	Valentine	Cherry	August	15,1889	June	20,1890
Highland	No.	194	Cortland	Gage	September	21,1889	June	20,1890

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Arcana	No. 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 1889	June 20, 1890
Purity	No. 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24, 1889	June 20, 1890
Blazing Star	No. 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5, 1890	June 18, 1891
Scotts Bluff	No. 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8, 1890	June 18, 1891
Plainview	No. 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1, 1890	June 18, 1891
Golden Fleece	No. 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2, 1890	June 18, 1891
Parian	No. 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31, 1891	June 18, 1891
Canopy	No. 209	Elmwood	Cass	September 4, 1891	June 16, 1892
East Lincoln	No. 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5, 1891	June 16, 1892
Cement	No. 211	Wood River	Hall	November 27, 1891	June 16, 1892
Palisade	No. 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July 18, 1892	June 15, 1893
Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18, 1893	June 15, 1893
Relief	No. 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19, 1893	June 15, 1893
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21, 1893	June 15, 1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22, 1892	June 21, 1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman	Washington	March 1, 1893	June 21, 1894
Silver Cord	No. 224	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17, 1893	June 21, 1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 28, 1894	June 13, 1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley	Red Willow	November 23, 1894	June 13, 1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco	Saunders	December 5, 1894	June 13, 1895
Gilead	No. 233	Butte	Boyd	November 22, 1894	June 10, 1896
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis	Grant	July 19, 1895	June 10, 1896

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Golden Rule	No. 236	Allen	Dixon	August 3,1895	June 10,1896
Friendship	No. 239	Chapman	Merrick	October 7,1895	June 10,1896
George Armstrong	No. 241	Craig	Burt	August 1,1895	June 17,1897
Laurel	No. 248	Laurel	Cedar	February 12,1900	June 7,1900
George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 20,1900	June 6,1901
Wausa	No. 251	Wausa	Knox	November 18,1900	June 6,1901
Bassett	No. 254	Bassett	Rock	October 8,1902	June 4,1903
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln	Lancaster	December 7,1903	June 9,1904
Ornan	No. 261	Spencer	Boyd	March 5,1906	June 5,1907
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July 5,1906	June 5,1907
Franklin	No. 264	Franklin	Franklin	June 11,1907	June 10,1908
Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	June 21,1907	June 10,1908
James A. Tulleys	No. 267	Overton	Dawson	December 26,1907	June 10,1908
George W. Lininger	No. 268	Omaha	Douglas	February 26,1908	June 10,1908
Oasis	No. 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	June 14,1909	June 8,1910
Olive Branch	No. 274	Walthill	Thurston	September 20,1909	June 8,1910
Sioux	No. 277	Harrison	Sioux	June 10,1910	June 6,1911
Wallace	No. 279	Wallace	Lincoln	February 25,1911	June 4,1912
Florence	No. 281	Omaha	Douglas	January 17,1913	June 4,1913
Mullen	No. 282	Mullen	Hooker	July 22,1913	June 9,1914
Seneca	No. 284	Thedford	Thomas	September 29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	October 16,1913	June 9,1914

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh	Garden	November 25,1913	June 9,1914
Union	No. 287	Palmyra	Otoe	December 15,1913	June 8,1915
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha	Douglas	March 24,1914	June 8,1915
Lotus	No. 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	June 11,1914	June 8,1915
John J. Mercer	No. 290	Omaha	Douglas	November 21,1914	June 8,1915
Diamond	No. 291	Orchard	Antelope	November 23,1914	June 8,1915
Monument	No. 293	Arapahoe	Fumas	December 18,1914	June 8,1915
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball	Kimball	June 10,1915	June 7,1916
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 15,1917	June 5,1918
Chester	No. 298	Chester	Thayer	June 27,1917	June 5,1918
Sutherland	No. 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	June 23,1917	June 5,1918
Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January 10,1918	June 5,1918
Mizpah	No. 302	Omaha	Douglas	November 12,1918	June 4,1919
Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove ...	Madison	January 14,1920	June 9,1920
Golden Rod	No. 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	August 19,1920	June 8,1921
Perkins	No. 308	Grant	Perkins	December 1,1920	June 8,1921
Victory	No. 310	Valley	Douglas	December 27,1920	June 8,1921
Polk	No. 311	Polk	Polk	January 4,1921	June 8,1921
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March 22,1922	June 5,1923
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings	Adams	January 8,1925	June 10,1925
College View	No. 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 1,1927	June 6,1928
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus	Platte	November 14,1928	June 5,1929

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Cairo	No. 324	Cairo	Hall	January	16,1936	June	1937
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March	5,1955	June	8,1955
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha	.....	Douglas	.....	November	26,1955	June	6,1956
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha	.....	Douglas	.....	September	3,1965	June	10,1966
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha	.....	Douglas	.....	January	19,1972	June	28,1972
St. John The Baptist The Baptist	No. 330	Geneva	.....	Fillmore	.....	October	20,1993	Feb	5,1994

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

Joppa No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohiowa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322	Lyman with Oasis No. 271 Morrill, April 10, 1969

- Compass & Square No. 212** Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969
- Hope No. 29** Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969
- Elm Creek No. 133** Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970
- Napthali No. 206** Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970
- Alexandria No. 74** Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970
- Pythagoras No. 156** Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970
- Grace No. 226** Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971
- Wolbach No. 292** Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971
- Tyrian No. 243** Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972
- Mystic Tie No. 166** Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972
- Roman Eagle No. 203** Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973
- Amethyst No. 190** Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973
- Prudence No. 179** Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973
- Fairfield No. 84** Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974
- Ramah No. 275** Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974
- Sterling No. 70** Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974
- Mt. Hermon No. 231** Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974
- Winnebago No. 309** Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 3, 1974
- Temple No. 175** Filley with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975
- Beemer No. 253** Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975
- Signet No. 193** Leigh with Northern Light No. 41
Stanton, February 20, 1976
- Plumblin No. 214** Adams with Beatrice No. 26
Beatrice, October 1, 1976
- Cubit No. 237** Douglas with Union No. 287
Palmyra, December 13, 1977
- Bancroft No. 145** Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 17, 1978
- Litchfield No. 278** Litchfield with Mason City No. 170
Mason City, July 1, 1979
- Hartington No. 155** Hartington with Relief No. 219
Coleridge, August 10, 1979

- Creighton No. 100 Creighton with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, May 17, 1980
- Star No. 88 Decatur with Pilot No. 240
Lyons, January 22, 1981
- Gladstone No. 176 Ansley with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, November 4, 1981
- Eminence No. 223 Giltner with Keystone No. 62
Phillips, October 26, 1981
- Antelope No. 276 Elgin with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, January 1, 1982
- Bladen No. 319 Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982
- Oak Leaf No. 312 Lynch with Ornan No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983
- Crofton No. 273 Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984
- Harlan No. 116 Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984
- Hardy No. 117 Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984
- Merna No. 171 Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984
- Lee P. Gillette No. 272 Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985
- Occidental No. 215 Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985
- Siloam No. 147 Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985
- Ponca No. 101 Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June 1986
- Boaz No. 185 Danbury with McCook No. 135
Danbury, September 1986
- Curtiss No. 168 Curtiss with McCook No. 135
McCook, February 15, 1986
- Clay Center No. 139 Clay Center with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, March 5, 1986
- Unity No. 163 Greenwood with Pomegranate No. 110
Ashland, December 30, 1986
- Gothenburg No. 249 Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, January 14, 1987
- Granite No. 189 Gibbon with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 1987
- Amity No. 169 Rushville with Hay Springs No. 177
Hay Springs, May 1987
- Golden Sheaf No. 202 Randolph with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, December 31, 1987
- Faith No. 181 Crawford with Sioux No. 277
Harrison, December 1987
- Potter No. 313 Potter with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, October 1988
- Western No. 140 Western with DeWitt No. 111
DeWitt, December 1988

- Zeredetha No. 160** Reynolds with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, December 1988
- Right Angle No. 303** Omaha with Papillion No. 39
Papillion, December 31, 1988
- Trowel No. 71** Neligh with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, January 1990
- Alpha No. 316** South Sioux City with Omadi No. 5
South Sioux City, March 1, 1990
- Shelton No. 99** Shelton with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 27, 1990
- Nehawka No. 246** Nehawka with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, June 20, 1990
- Anselmo No. 258** Anselmo with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, August 28, 1990
- Globe No. 113** Madison with Mosaic No. 55
Norfolk, August 28, 1990
- Harmony No. 321** Dalton with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, November 28, 1990
- Silver No. 266** Silver Creek with Osceola No. 65
Osceola, April 25, 1991
- Cable No. 225** Arnold with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, May 17, 1991
- Grand Island No. 318** Grand Island with Ashlar No. 33
Grand Island, August 9, 1991
- Orient No. 13** Rulo/Falls City with Falls City No. 9
Falls City, August 21, 1991
- Rawalt No. 138** Oxford with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, October 9, 1991
- Beaver City No. 93** Beaver City with Monument No. 293
Arapahoe, January 30, 1992
- Meridan No. 188** Cozad with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, February 20, 1992
- Hampton No. 245** Hampton with Aurora No. 68
Aurora, February 21, 1992
- Crystal No. 191** Scotia with Ord No. 103
Ord, March 10, 1992
- Edgar No. 67** Edgar with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, March 10, 1992
- Gavel No. 199** Carleton with Lily No. 154
Davenport, March 23, 1992
- Cambridge No. 150** Cambridge with Barely No. 228
Bartley, April 20, 1992
- Mt. Zion No. 161** Shelby with Composite No. 81
Rising City, November 11, 1992
- Endeavor No. 262** Indianola with Bartley No. 228
Bartley, December 3, 1992
- Fraternity No. 235** Winside with Wayne No. 120
Wayne, April 28, 1993
- John S. Bowen No. 232** Kennard with Washington No. 21
Blair, May 4, 1993
- Minatare No. 295** Minatare with Scotts Bluff No. 201
Gering, January 24, 1994

- Pilot No. 240** Lyons with Tekamah No. 31
Tekamah, June 6, 1994
- Bayard No. 301** Bayard with Camp Clarke No. 285
Bridgeport, September 12, 1994

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

- Summit No. 7** Parkville, Colorado — Instituted May 6, 1861.
Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand
Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
- Rocky Mountain No. 8** Gold Hill, Colorado — Instituted May 21, 1861.
Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand
Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
- Central City, U.:D.:** Central City, Colorado — Instituted 1860 or 1861.
- Bannack City, U.:D.:** Bannack City, Idaho — Instituted April 1863 or
June 21, 1863.
- Monitor Lodge, U.:D.:** United States Army — Instituted July 30,
1863. Became extinct prior to 1867.
- Idaho Lodge, U.:D.:** Nevada City, Idaho — Instituted November 17,
1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
- Wyoming Lodge No. 28** South Pass City, Wyoming — Instituted
November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870.
Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming,
December 15, 1874.

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME & LOCATION	DATE EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 — Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 — Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 — Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 — Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 — Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 — Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22 — Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 — Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 — Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 — Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 — Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 — Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 — Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 — Waco	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 — Doniphan	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 — Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 — Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 — Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 — Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 — Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 — Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 — Ainsworth	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 — Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 — North Loup	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 — Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 — Pierce	September, 1989
Grafton No. 172 — Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 — Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 — Grant	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 — Ulysses	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 — Arcadia	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 — Miller	June 6, 1918
Wauneta No. 217 — Wauneta	December 31, 1991
Ithmar No. 238 — Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 — Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 — Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Holbrook No. 257 — Holbrook	June 11, 1959
Springview No. 260 — Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 — Huntley	June 7, 1939
Swastika No. 280 — Sargent	December 31, 1988
Exeter No. 283 — Exeter	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 — Cowles	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 — Otoe	December 15, 1964
Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329	September 10, 1993

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.:L.:) "in the year of light."

A.:A.:S.: RITE, same as Ancient Craft except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.:M.:) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.:I.:) "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.:Dep.:) "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (AO) "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACTO (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT	Add 4000 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 4000 = 5909.
A.:A.:S.: RITE	Add 3760 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 3760 = 5669. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH	Add 530 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 530 = 2439.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS	Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 1000 = 2909.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 1909 = 791.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD	To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 1909 and 1913 = 3822.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska #1	John B. Holzhey	A.L. Aasgaard	Robert R. Eckwall *
Western Star #2	David A. Wetrosky	Charles A. Lambrecht	Edward L. Reed
Capitol #3	Bruce L. Ginsburg *	Not Installed	Michael R. Plambeck
Nemaha Valley #4	—	—	—
Omadi #5	Kent B. Broyhill	A. Gene Closson	—
Plattsmouth #6	David Meredith	C. Roger Mrasek	James D. Gansemmer
Falls City #9	Richard P. Don *	—	Darrel J. Koso *
Solomon #10	John McGowan *	Stuart Sprick *	—
Covert #11	James B. Parks	Tracy Willits *	Richard Quintero *
Peru #14	Guy Grafton *	Stanley Vanderford	—
Fremont #15	Dennis L. Smith	Virgil R. Schiermeyer *	Arthur E. Twyford
Tecumseh #17	—	—	—
Lincoln #19	—	Paul H. Kenyon	David R. Gates
Washington #21	—	—	—
Pawnee #23	Ken Eichenberger	Leland E. Boehmer	Michael H. Sheldon *
St. Johns #25	Robert D. Hull *	Ramon P. Hagen	James P. Hansen *
Beatrice #26	Lance R. Brinkman	Neil A. Henry *	William B. Coker
Jordan #27	—	—	R. Scott Homan
Blue River #30	Gary Brhel	Melvin Giles	Lowell Sellmeyer
Tekamah #31	Leon B. Beard	—	—
Platte Valley #32	Wayne G. Lueningborg	Paul D. Phillips	Rick Odean
Ashlar #33	Verne L. Hill	—	Wayne Vian
Acacia #34	Eric M. Stewart *	Eugene F. Cunningham	—
Fairbury #35	Douglas E. Schulz	—	—
Lone Tree #36	—	—	James F. Heins *
Crete #37	Jerry F. Bepalec	Rick W. Wienke	David A. Johnson
Oliver #38	—	—	—
Papillion #39	Gregory Marzullo	Cullen F. Pilker	Walter H. Sperzel, Jr. *
Humboldt #40	Charles Hilgenfeld *	—	—
No. Light #41	—	—	—
Hebron #43	—	—	—
Harvard #44	—	—	—
Rob Morris #46	Kelly J. Wertz	Robert L. Nemecek	Thomas A. Bright
Fairmont #48	—	—	—
Evening Star #49	Merrill Barnell	—	—
Hastings #50	Jonathan Yocom	John Brodersen	Michael L. Small
Fidelity #51	—	—	Michael E. Jones
Hiram #52	—	Charles Parr *	Sydney Clausen *
Charity #53	—	—	Marlin K. Hoffman
Lancaster #54	Russell E. Rimovsky	James C. Banister	Keith E. Attebery *
Mosaic #55	Donald L. Doyer	David Sieler *	Rick D. Mouchka *
York #56	Jerry E. Apetz *	Ronald Winquist *	Mark J. Powers *
Mt. Moriah #57	—	David D. Pearson *	Robert E. Thummel *
Wahoo #59	Dean E. Taylor	Clarence E. Sauer *	Randall W. Porter *
Melrose #60	—	Charles Happs	—
Thistle #61	Lauren F. Daberkow	—	Daniel L. Clark *
Keystone #62	Benjmain R. Olson	—	Dale T. Obermeier
Blue Valley #64	—	—	—
Osceola #65	William A. Bryan *	—	—
Aurora #68	Ross D. Druliner	—	—
Hooper #72	Douglas Hartmann	—	—
Friend #73	Charles A. Cogswell	Leo F. Stokes *	—
Frank Welch #75	Brent A. Lyons	Arlan E. Hartman	James R. Eberly
Nelson #77	Jerry L. Drohman	—	—
Albion #78	Jeffrey J. Noble	Merlin L. Weber, Jr.	—

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Geneva #79	Richard L. Kohler	Norval L. Lomax	—
Composite #81	Jerry Althouse	—	Gregory A. Whitmore
St. Paul #82	—	Robert C. Brehm	—
Corinthian #83	Alvin G. Sundell	—	—
Ionic #87	—	—	—
Cedar River #89	—	—	—
Oakland #91	—	Gerald F. Sieck	—
Bennet #94	William H. Nelson	—	Eric Knoll *
Garfield #95	Gerald A. Langemeier *	—	—
Utica #96	Ray E. Cain	Steve R. Rhodes *	—
Euclid #97	Michael E. Spohr	Michael J. Saxton *	Phillip W. Rhodes *
Republican #98	Rodney J. Richter *	—	—
Waterloo #102	Gene A. Geise	—	Dennis E. Ueckert
Ord #103	Charles Zangger	—	Floyd Thompson *
Wymore #104	—	—	—
Stella #105	Don R. Monnette	Not Installed	Not Installed
Porter #106	Ralph E. Ertz	—	—
Table Rock #108	Melvin Wenzbauer *	Gary Bedea *	Shad Gager *
Pomegranate #110	Kenneth H. Polenz	—	James Westphalen *
DeWitt #111	—	—	—
Springfield #112	Steve E. Brown	Daniel J. Wellerdorf *	Arnold R. Kracht *
Wisner #114	Dean T. Dinklage	—	Kenneth J. Rogers
North Bend #119	Benjamin H. Harvey	Fred H. Best	Rolland Otte
Wayne #120	Martin Summerfield	David R. Ley *	Frank G. Teach *
Superior #121	Dale E. Dunn	—	—
Auburn #124	—	—	—
Mt. Nebo #125	Robert D. Patrick	—	Jerome Greisen
Stromsburg #126	—	—	—
Minden #127	Robert G. Sorensen	Jesse T. Adkins *	Benjamin W. Morey *
Guide Rock #128	Lonnie L. Arrants	—	Rick J. Hunter *
Scribner #132	Charles Holtz	David Otteman *	Albert Thomas
Solar #134	—	—	Richard Smithson
McCook #135	Don G. Hopkins	Ray E. Aldrich	Steve G. Lyne
Long Pine #136	Richard H. Gable	—	—
Upright #137	—	—	—
Crescent #143	—	Brian L. Cornwell	—
Jachin #146	James E. Mote	—	—
Custer #148	Leonard V. Lindly	—	Patrick Gerdes
Lily #154	Robert H. Gardiner *	—	Robert L. Stofer
Samaritan #158	Harry E. Waggener	—	Michael Samp
Ogalalla #159	—	—	—
Trestle Board #162	Samuel E. Smith *	—	Ival Schmucker
Atkinson #164	Dale Riha *	—	—
Barneston #165	—	—	—
Elwood #167	—	David D. Wade	—
Mason City #170	Dale Rynearson, Sr.	—	Clifford P. Moore *
Robert Burns #173	—	—	—
Culbertson #174	Barney L. Whatley *	Roland J. Miller *	Terry A. Carlson *
Hay Springs #177	—	—	—
Justice #180	—	—	—
Alliance #183	J. Michael Laverty	William D. Cowan *	W. Earl Cummings *
Bee Hive #184	—	—	—
Minnekadusa #192	—	—	—
Highland #194	Daryl A. Doolittle *	Nathan DeVries *	William CB. oker *
Arcana #195	Clyde Lefler, Jr. *	—	—
Purity #198	Roley Arterburn	Robert W. Rolfe	Cleve D. Anderson *
Blazing Star #200	Larry D. Donner	Dale C. Crandall	—
Scottsbluff #201	Byron L. Lane	William R. Zalman *	Rick T. Weaver *
Plainview #204	Gale Retzlaff	Dale Holmes	Jack G. Frahm *
Golden Fleece #205	Robert A. Hayes	Malvin E. Minshall	—
Parian #207	Robert Edgington	—	Robert G. Payton
Canopy #209	Raymond K. Althouse	—	—
East Lincoln #210	—	Gregory F. Sullivan *	Monte D. Dietrick

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Cement #211	Donald E. Miller	—	—
Palisade #216	—	—	Timothy D. Spencer
Bloomfield #218	Alfred C. Koops *	Lowell I. Fleming *	Norman B. Case
Relief #219	Larry Leapley*	—	—
Magnolia #220	—	—	Duane D. Strong *
Wood Lake #221	—	Bradley Schlueter	—
Landmark #222	Wayne D. Long	—	Kenneth R. Jackson
Silver Cord #224	Joe D. McBride	—	—
North Star #227	Larry B. Gulbranson	John H. Kirby	Jerry L. Dunlap
Bartley #228	Lester Webb	—	—
Comet #229	Kevin Rittenburg *	Gerald R. Brodd *	Dave Hurst
Gilead #233	—	—	—
Zion #234	—	Not Installed	—
Golden Rule #236	—	—	—
Friendship #239	Michael R. Sidlo	Dale N. McMillan *	Thomas H. Bornemeier *
Geo. Armstrong #241	—	—	—
Laurel #248	—	—	—
G. Washington #250	Kenneth Krenk	George N. Harrison	Michael S. Waltke
Wausa #251	—	Bruce L. Jorgensen	Warren Wilbeck *
Bassett #254	Richard Mauch	—	—
Hickman #256	W. Roger White	Marty W. Ivins	Dale R. Hardy *
Ornan #261	—	—	—
Mitchell #263	Daniel Mills	Jay R. Rogers	W. R. Frey *
Franklin #264	Jerrill F. Gerdes	—	—
Robt. Furnas #265	Everett K. Dappen	Gregory A. Fuller *	Randall Olson
J. A. Tulleys #267	Thomas C. Neill	—	—
G.W. Lininger #268	Stephen A. Skaug	—	—
Oasis #271	—	C. Clarke Beede *	—
Olive Branch #274	Jerome O. Vavra	—	—
Sioux #277	—	—	—
Wallace #279	Keith Gartrell	Randall Ogier	Davis J. Law *
*Florence #281	Paul E. Nerz	James E. Westcott	Randall A. McFarland
Mullen #282	Wilbert E. Ericksen	—	Thomas L. Starr
Seneca #284	Calvin E. Jones *	—	Daune W. Bolton
Camp Clarke #285	—	—	—
Oshkosh #286	Merton L. Rose	—	Lawrence E. Noland
Union #287	Dennis H. Brydl	—	—
Omaha #288	Merlin L. Pedersen	Myron Widger	David L. Peterson
Lotus #289	Richard Greenwood	Jerry L. Karel	Walter R. Forrest
John J. Mercer #290	Ralph A. Barbe	Jack E. Sorrels	M. Kenneth Maples
Diamond #291	—	—	—
Monument #293	—	—	—
Kimball #294	Ralph E. Kimzey *	Joe C. Perkins *	David L. Wilson *
Cotner #297	Philip C. Hood	Gale R. Paxton	John C. Cramer
Chester #298	Everett G. Roop	Earnest P. Dunn	—
Sutherland #299	Roger B. Eggleston	—	—
Liberty #300	R. Gene White	Robert R. Foreman	Not Installed
Mizpah #302	Gary D. Volentine	Craig R. Crawford	LeRoy Lenhardt
Newman Grove #305	—	—	—
Goldenrod #306	—	—	Roy B. Grimes *
Perkins #308	—	—	—
Victory #310	Ronald R. King *	Kendall Steffensen *	Gregory C. Kava
Polk #311	Gerald N. Kealiher	—	—
Craftsmen #314	Michael G. Birnstihl	James G. McCullough	Kenneth S. Friend *
Mid-West #317	Frank T. Gourley	Charles Kleveland, Jr. *	Scott J. Enga
College View #320	C. Jerry Rauch	—	—
Lebanon #323	—	—	—
Cairo #324	James R. Ford	Robert W. Lowry	—
Bellevue #325	James A. Carlton	W. Eric Siburg, Jr.	P. Alan Zamiska
Centennial #326	John A. McCaul *	—	Scot R. McCaul
Shiloh #327	Bradford L. McMinn *	—	—
Miloma #328	Eric A. Rost *	—	Kevin R. Watkins *
St. John #330	Arsenius Coolik	Simeon Davis	Philaret Taylor *

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Steven J. Brownfield	03/03/89	Alabama	Victor D. Hunt, 62	04/29/77
Wayne G. Coleman	03/30/82	Alaska	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	03/08/82
Jose Gonzalez Ledo	01/10/64	Argentina		
Ralph P. Faulkner	08/22/83	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	09/03/76
Dennis H. Carmack	08/06/89	Arkansas	James L. Eatmon, 294	01/01/84
Gordon Ross Mallam	06/16/74	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 180	12/23/90
W. T. Neale	02/29/60	Australia, Queensland	Wayne J. Pauley, 19	07/18/77
G. T. Brice	....	Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 25	05/04/85
Peter Alexander Pothecary	05/27/94	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/79
F. G. Hatcher	12/17/60	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	02/07/92
Hugo Barber	03/22/51	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/07/89
Alfonso Reyes	08/13/63	Belgium	L. L. Haddix, 36	12/31/81
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	09/19/36	Bolivia	G. Irwin Osterloh, 72	....
....	....	Brazil, Bahia	Frank J. Vlasak, 119	07/06/72
Adolpho Porta	01/04/88	Brazil, Brazilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	06/04/71
Aderlou F. Andrade	01/04/88	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	02/10/89
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/73	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/90
Oscar de Paula Assis	08/01/69	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	....
Jose Cesario Horta	09/21/49	Brazil, Mato Grosso	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/89
Luthgard Nobre	06/26/74	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Robert E. Richards, 205	11/17/78
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/68	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/90
Joao Bento	10/23/57	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	04/18/94
Tutomo Sato	03/07/68	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	03/07/68
....	....	Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 26	04/18/94
Jose W. K. Neto	09/10/92	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	01/15/93
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/89	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Virgil L. Tubach, 54	02/10/89
Sidney Luiz Saut	12/01/91	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	03/26/91
Jose de Vittis Silva	11/14/51	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281	06/07/77
Sadi Paulo Castiel Gitz	05/29/92	Brazil, Sergipe	Will Medow, 55	06/10/92
Jose M. F. DeSantana	06/22/92	Brazil, Tocantins	Gordon L. Carley, 75	06/24/92
Harold Loewenthal	04/23/69	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 54	06/11/76
Cecil D. Holmes	08/06/89	Canada, Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	12/15/59
Barney R. Peatt	12/30/86	Canada, British Columbia	Kent A. Talich, 75	04/19/94
A. G. Brock	07/20/93	Canada, Manitoba	Michael J. Tye, 46	12/07/89
Kenneth Nelson	10/21/55	Canada, New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	01/31/58
Gordon F. Conrad	11/30/90	Canada, Nova Scotia	Curtis J. Griess, 49	12/02/68
Kenneth N. Nesbitt	12/21/76	Canada, Ontario	Paul R. Eveland, 119	02/16/82
Allan C. Jenkins	04/08/71	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	01/17/45
A. S. Johnson	01/09/91	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	....
Edward L. Lee	03/11/87	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	01/01/84
Rigoberto Jamett Mauiera	08/27/94	Chile	Ben D. Fussel, 79	06/04/71
Dawson Kwauk	06/26/80	China	John D. Richardson, 50	06/10/83
Jacque N. Hampton	04/09/80	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	06/23/43
Jose Maria Serna	07/31/51	Columbia, Barranquilla	Kenneth P. Lott, 184	02/03/81
Rafael F. Moreno	....	Columbia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 17	08/07/69

Douglas Gray	06/15/93	Connecticut	Byron L. Lane, 265, 201	10/19/92
Carlos Miranda	10/22/68	Costa Rica	Richard H. Scheef, 288	07/07/76
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/05/52	Cuba	John F. Dale, 135	12/07/89
Leonard S. Strycharz	01/28/71	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, 317	06/12/87
Soren Nielsen	05/03/90	Denmark	Frank Lawson, Jr., 1	12/07/89
H. Kenneth Kingsbury	09/24/82	District of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	05/13/54
M. D. J. C. Navarro	08/25/69	Dominican Republic	Harry A. Tollander, 281	07/08/81
F. G. Araya	06/17/53	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 174	11/07/78
Col. Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	03/26/94	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227, 184	12/02/68
Kalle Putkisto	12/15/69	Finland	Sebert A. Stover, 281	02/09/68
Wm. C. Mitchell	06/23/70	Florida	John Lippert, 323	08/08/66
Edward Jeanmonod	09/14/54	France	J. Dallas Gibson, 54	07/01/74
Marcel I. Magwangu	05/03/90	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	02/10/89
Wm. H. McDaniel	08/06/89	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	08/03/60
Wolfgang Durst	09/24/75	Germany	Alfred G. Wurst, 59	07/06/72
Andreas Rizopoulos	01/02/90	Greece	Benjamin H. Harvey, 119	02/10/89
Angel G. Guzman	08/13/63	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	06/08/77
		Hawaii	James N. DeMoss, 325	12/07/91
Bjarne Bjarnason	01/07/53	Honduras	William G. Woeppel, 75	12/23/90
Dr. Robert Shiller	06/22/92	Hungary	Don A. Mears, 3	08/20/92
John R. Sheridan	12/17/86	Iceland	Dan W. Holmstedt, 314	05/20/80
Wiley F. Smith	08/06/89	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	01/01/84
Kenneth W. Smith	01/10/91	Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/90
Di'ip Basu	12/10/94	India	William Hurst, 54	09/17/77
Herbert Newman	12/04/74	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	06/12/87
....	....	Iran (in exile)	Noel J. Lindquist, 1	06/04/71
Steinare Ludvigsson	01/31/94	Ireland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	04/14/93
Yehuda Ashkenazi	09/22/81	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	02/10/89
Giancarlo Boero	05/01/86	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/90
Yasuhiko Ide	....	Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	06/03/94
Conrad F. Johnson	07/14/91	Kansas	Wilbert W. Wittmuss, 39	06/12/87
C. J. Hyde	07/31/72	Kentucky	Wayne G. Lueningborg, 32, 39	06/12/87
Clifford A. Bradley	08/06/89	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	01/01/84
Rene Gregorius	08/17/71	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/07/89
Royce G. Wheeler	08/30/76	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	08/07/69
John M. Baker, III	....	Maryland	Donald F. Davidson, 26	08/10/93
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	08/06/89	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54, 6	12/07/89
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/50	Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Doane O. Trail, 135	....
German Barrera	08/27/70	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Norman L. Coe, 46, 98	12/07/89
George Sanfor	08/08/69	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46, 293	12/31/89
Willard Sauer	02/14/58	Michigan	Paul R. Pierce, 50	03/15/79
Frederick B. Vihovde	08/06/89	Minnesota	Donald L. Pohlman, 41	02/10/89
John T. Brown	01/16/53	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	09/08/73
William R. Robbins	07/23/63	Missouri	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	06/30/94
Ludvik H. Jun	08/18/88	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290, 317	12/07/89
A. Th tea Houten	07/27/94	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201, 314	12/23/90
Franklin L. Coonley	08/18/89	Nevada	Ronald R. Siwinski, Jr., 39	06/01/91
Ellis W. Howard	06/14/62	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	04/14/80
Raymond J. Vanden Berghc	04/16/94	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/06/85

Warren E. Hultberg	09/30/93	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	07/01/74
Raymond E. Dovey	02/14/79	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	06/14/73
....	....	Nicaragua	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	????
Nathaniel C. Dean	07/26/65	North Carolina	G. Richard Myers, 158	01/01/84
Calvin E. Rustad	09/07/55	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 228	04/28/64
Erik Johnsen	04/06/92	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	02/10/89
E. L. Galbraith	04/23/69	Ohio	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	12/23/90
Aubrey R. Erhart	06/11/63	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	....
Arthur E. Baird	09/16/80	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	12/04/68
Elias S. Mizrahi	01/13/53	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	07/28/65
Carlos Pena	09/01/72	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254, 136	06/04/71
Antonia Espinosa	....	Philippines	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	08/07/69
Billy Watkins	12/23/93	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	06/04/71
Edward T. Hudson	08/11/78	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	07/03/42
George M. Preston	11/10/92	Scotland	John M. Weidner, 33, 75	01/15/92
A. Rhodie	08/18/89	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	12/07/89
Rhoden D. Batson	07/06/71	South Carolina	Steven F. Mattoon, 75	12/07/89
Walter Covey	06/20/91	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	07/06/72
....	....	Spain	Albert T. Reddish, 183	01/05/88
Karl Gustav Thurffjell	05/15/91	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	06/12/87
Frederick J. Pruefer	06/21/78	Switzerland	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/90
Leighton Gordon Scott	07/05/85	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	09/08/60
M. D. Manning	09/14/81	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	04/28/77
Fred Allen	10/25/91	Texas	Philip Lorenzen, 10, 327	05/20/92
Attila Atli	12/29/71	Turkey	Dale W. Anderson, 158	01/15/93
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 143	06/24/92
Tom Eastwood	01/10/90	Utah	Dwight E. Smith, 205	04/18/94
Wendell H. Chaffee	05/16/62	Venezuela	Paul A. Canaday, 51	06/10/87
....	....	Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	05/02/85
Edward C. Bond	02/09/90	Virginia	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/04/91
Kenneth Kershner	12/03/93	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	06/10/83
J. K. Ferguson	09/28/61	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/89
Lawrence L. Myers	01/05/92	Wisconsin	Harold Hultman, 39	06/12/74

Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 1994

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - U.S.			
Government Money Market Funds		<u>81,518</u>	<u>81,518</u>
Bonds:			
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 6.75%, 4-1-04	50,000	46,231	42,000
Public Service of Colorado, 6.75%, 7-1-98	25,000	21,813	23,834
Duke Power Co., 7.0%, 7-1-2000	50,000	49,102	47,193
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-2002	50,000	49,658	47,996
Ford Capital Note, 9.875%, 5-15-2002	50,000	51,462	53,591
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 7.75%, 1-15-99	50,000	50,542	48,371
Georgia Pacific Corp., 10.125%, 5-15-2000	50,000	49,875	50,466
Phillip Morris, Inc., 6.0%, 7-15-2001	50,000	44,294	43,257
International Paper Co., 9.4%, 6-1-2002	50,000	49,850	52,595
Nordstrom Credit Corp., 8.75%, 3-20-95	50,000	48,500	50,250
American Brands Inc., 7.5%, 5-15-99	50,000	50,141	48,000
AT & T Corp., 6.75%, 4-1-04	50,000	49,633	45,437
Mortgage - Lot 10, Blcok 173 City of Bellevue	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total Bonds	<u>600,000</u>	<u>586,101</u>	<u>577,990</u>
Common Stocks:			
Shares			
600 Sigma-Aldrich Corp		29,550	19,800
800 Crompton & Knowles Corp.		15,380	13,000
900 M. A. Hanna Company		15,960	21,375
600 The Lubrizol Corp.		15,210	20,325
600 AT & T Corp.		34,823	30,150
800 Stryker Corp.		23,225	29,400
700 Merck & Company		26,570	26,687
1200 WalMart Stores		33,807	25,500
700 Burlington Res., Inc.		27,376	24,500
1000 Sonat, Inc.		24,446	28,000
900 General Public Utility		25,365	23,625
700 Timken Company		18,495	24,675
600 Southwestern Bell Corp.		22,980	24,225
700 Union Pacific Corp.		39,295	31,763
400 Proctor and Gamble Co.		20,240	24,800
1300 Glatfelter, P.H.		22,880	20,150
500 Exxon Corp.		32,088	30,375
300 Royal Dutch Pete Co.		26,593	32,325
400 Pfizer, Inc.		26,602	30,900
1000 Cooper Tire & Rubber		27,775	23,625
700 Coca-Cola Co.		29,283	36,050
Total Common Stocks		<u>537,943</u>	<u>541,250</u>

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 1994

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - U.S. Government Money Market Funds		<u>53,993</u>	<u>53,993</u>
Bonds:			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 8.875% , 2-15-99	25,000	24,378	25,867
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 8.8%, 11-10-95	25,000	25,003	25,305
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 8.95%, 7-10-97	25,000	<u>24,972</u>	<u>25,430</u>
Total Government Securities	<u>75,000</u>	<u>74,353</u>	<u>76,602</u>
Corporate:			
New England Telephone 6.125%, 10-1-92	25,000	24,125	20,375
Southern California Edison, 5.87%, 9-1-04	30,000	25,344	24,815
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone, 5.25%, 5-1-05	25,000	21,336	19,819
Ford Capital, 9.875%, 5-15-2002	25,000	24,866	26,796
General Telephone Co, 7.625%, 5-1-2003	25,000	21,903	23,646
Phillip Morris, 6.0%, 7-15-2001	25,000	22,147	21,628
International Paper Co., 9.7%, 3-15-2000	25,000	25,000	26,343
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-2002	25,000	24,829	23,998
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-02	25,000	25,000	23,661
Florida Power Corp., 6.87%, 2-1-08	<u>25,000</u>	<u>26,434</u>	<u>22,139</u>
Total Corporate Bonds	<u>255,000</u>	<u>240,984</u>	<u>233,220</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>330,000</u>	<u>315,337</u>	<u>309,822</u>
Common Stocks:			
Shares			
300 Pfizer, Inc.		18,392	23,175
800 Cooper Tire & Rubber		19,180	18,900
600 American General Corporation		8,197	16,950
300 Bristol Myers Co.		15,305	17,362
500 Coca Cola		12,518	25,750
300 Exxon Corporation		14,968	18,225
300 Ford Motor Co.		8,040	8,363
400 General Electric Co.		8,795	20,400
800 Teco Energy, Inc.		12,050	16,200
800 WalMart Stores		13,365	17,000
400 Williamette Industries		6,800	19,000
500 Timken Company		13,012	17,625
600 Lubrizol Company		17,685	20,325
400 Sigma-Aldrich Company		20,135	13,200
300 Colgate Palmolive Company		14,423	19,013
200 Royal Dutch		16,740	21,550
700 Nipsco Industries		17,795	20,825
400 Southwestern Bell Company		12,240	16,150
400 A T & T Corp.		<u>20,590</u>	<u>20,100</u>
Total Common Stocks		<u>270,230</u>	<u>350,113</u>

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